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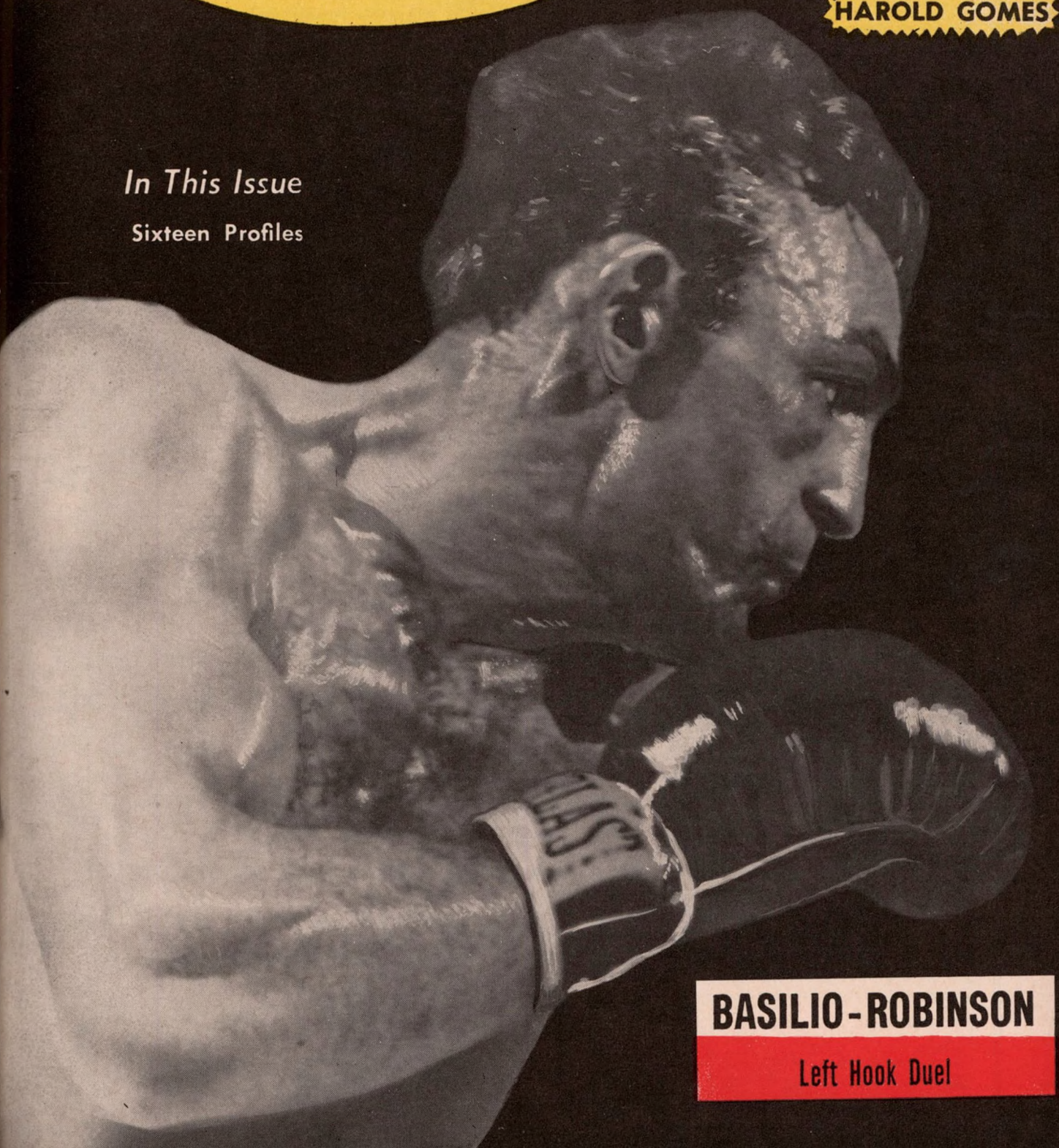

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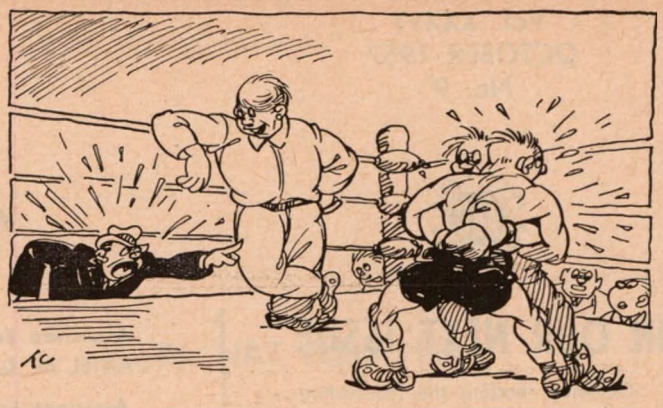

"THE Lawless Decade" is a fascinating and nostalgia-laden book just published by Crown Publishers, Inc. It was written by Paul Sann, executive editor of the New York Post, and is a breezy history and pictorial account of the years between the end of World War I and the arrival of F. D. R. in the White House. Of special interest to boxing fans are the author's reviews of Jack Dempsey's various title defenses.

But it's a certainty Mr. Sann did not consult Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book when he wrote: *"Dempsey said he'd be a fighting champion, but he defended his title only five times in seven years: against George Carpentier in 1921, Elziah Rioux in 1922, Tommy Gibbons and Luis Firpo in 1923, and Gene Tunney in 1926."*

There are only a couple of things wrong with this paragraph. In the first place, what happened to Dempsey's defenses against Billy Miske at Benton Harbor, and against Bill Brennan in the old Garden? And who ever heard of a Dempsey defense against Elziah Rioux? Who, indeed, was Elziah Rioux?

And for the answer to that one we really had to consult Fleischer's Ring Record Book to learn that Rioux (first name Elziah) was one of three guys Dempsey flattened in one round each in the same ring during an exhibition appearance in Montreal.

Sann also makes a reference to a Tunney defense against Tom Heeney. This one, he says, took place at Madison Square Garden. The fight was a financial flop but some 45,000 attended and you can just bet they didn't all get into the Garden. Tunney-Heeney took place at the Yankee Stadium.

Despite these few errors in the boxing material, the book is a good one, particularly in the opinion of one who —like to composer of these lines—just reached 21 in the year of *"the long count."*

If Joe Louis thinks he has tax troubles, owing the Federal Government a mere million, what should Ernie Durando say? The Bayonne, N. J., middleweight has had a tax lien filed against him charging non-payment of $70.60 in 1956 Federal income taxes.

Yolande Pompey, Trinidad lightheavyweight, recently revealed that he is learning the barber trade and hopes to open his own barber shop when he retires from the ring. We trust that when this happens Pompey will use the products of the Wednesday and Friday night television fight sponsors.

Jack Laken, the busy little boxing promoter who is currently operating in Jeannette, Pa., has been dubbed Jack *"Hopalong"* Laken by Pittsburgh boxing scribes. The *"Hopalong"* follows naturally from Jack's long-time policy of transferring his promotorial activities so rapidly from one town to another: Pittsburgh, Lubbock, Texas; Huntington, W. Va.; Dayton, Ohio; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and points North, South, East, and West.

A boxing column we read recently contained the following pessimistic comment: *"The bantamweight and flyweight divisions have long since been monopolized by other nations and with the featherweight championship moving across the Atlantic as a result of Hogan (Kid) Bassey's triumph, we are fast becoming a second rate power where boxing is concerned."* Bassey is from Nigeria, Alphonse Halimi, bantamweight champion, is from France; Pascual Perez, flyweight champion, is an Argentinian. Which of these countries figures to top us soon as a boxing power? What does this fellow mean by *"fast becoming?"* Are Floyd Patterson, Archie Moore, Ray Robinson, Carmen Basilio, and Joey Brown figuring on moving to another country?

"Willie Pep, nonpareil of the featherweight dazzlers, *practiced mittened penmanship on his opponent last night and peered defiantly into a future he believes will see him installed again on the 126-pound division throne. Pep won ten of ten on the referee's scoreboard."*

If you think this paragraph, quoted from a Houston paper, is describing the Willie Pep of 1947 you're wrong. This is the Willie Pep of '57 who continues to dazzle fans, experts, and opponents. The fans and experts love it.

A line we read somewhere said that Gaspar Ortega speaks Sapoteco, a dialect of the Indians in the interior of Mexico, but no English. This recalled an interview we read once in which Chalky Wright was asked if he spoke Spanish.

"I speak two languages," said Chalky, *"Mexican and American."*

Lightweight Frankie Ippolito, graduate of Manhattan College, says he uses simple mathematics—the law of leverage—to achieve many of his victories. But we can think of some even simpler mathematics that achieve the same end, namely the old one-two.

The Patterson-Jackson fight is more than adequately covered in other columns of this issue of The Ring, but we would like to comment on a few sidelights. The first concerns a story out of Milwaukee where the New York Giants were playing the Braves on the night of the heavyweight title match. The story said the Milwaukee game attendance was some 10,000 less than expected because the fight was on television. This figure is only a drop in the bucket compared to the thousands who stay away from the Garden fights because the Giants, Dodgers, and Yankees televise their home games practically throughout the season.

A second sidelight concerns Jackson's verbal action during the fight. He seemed to do a lot of talking. And this reminded us of a fight many years ago between Fred Apostoli and Freddie Steele when the talking became almost as exciting as the fighting and the sensitive over-head microphone began picking up bits of language that the late Gen. John J. Phelan, Commission chairman, hadn't heard since his Army days.

The General, sitting at ringside, wasn't sure at first as to the source of the unseemly verbiage and Apostoli and Steele continued to exchange choice epithets. Finally, the referee, probably a member of the Society for the Prevention of Profanity, called a halt to the proceedings and strongly admonished the gladiators against both foul blows and foul invectives. Apostoli won the fight but we never did learn who won the argument.

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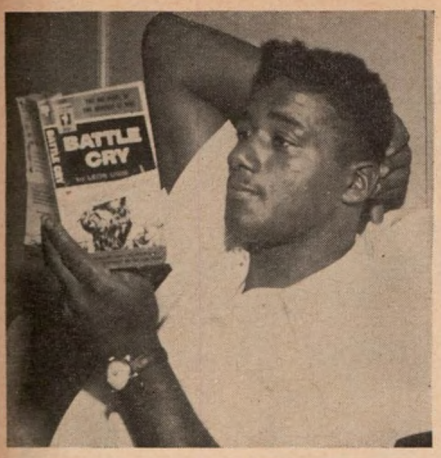


Relaxing Floyd reads of the "Battle Cry".

By NAT FLEISCHER

Patterson Did The Expected

Referee Goldstein's Decision To Halt World Championship Bout in 1:52 of Tenth Round Meets Approval—Challenger Jackson Outclassed

THE aftermath of the Floyd Patterson-Hurricane Tommy Jackson fight at the Polo Grounds in New York was more interesting than the world heavyweight championship contest itself. It brought to the attention of the public these points of vital interest to the future of boxing—

1—The public learned that world championship fights can be successfully promoted by independent operators and that major boxing need not be wholly confined to any one organization,

2—The bout brought to the attention of the fans the important role of the referee. A false move on his part may break the backbone of a fighter and on the other hand, common sense, good judgment, courage and a knowledge of the finer points of boxing, essential qualities for a competent official, may save the life of a contestant.

Though Emil Lence, who took a big gamble in staging a world heavyweight championship match as his first major promotion, would have gone in the red for thousands of dollars had not Cus D'Amato, manager of the champion, relieved him by waiving his guarantee of $175,000 in favor of the forty percent option, didn't make a killing, he did well.

D'Amato cut $50,000 off Patterson's purse. Had weather conditions been in his favor, Lence would have made a profit.

One must point to his venture as a success despite the help Lence received from the man who fought Jim Norris and the "I.B.C. monopoly" as he repeatedly termed the organization.

REFEREE JUSTIFIED IN HALTING THE BOUT

The 14,458 who paid a gross of $156,936 to see the Polo Grounds affair, left the arena discussing the action of Referee Ruby Goldstein in stopping the fight in the tenth round after a smashing left and a right to the jaw had placed Jackson in a helpless condition.

"Was Ruby justified in halting the fight?"

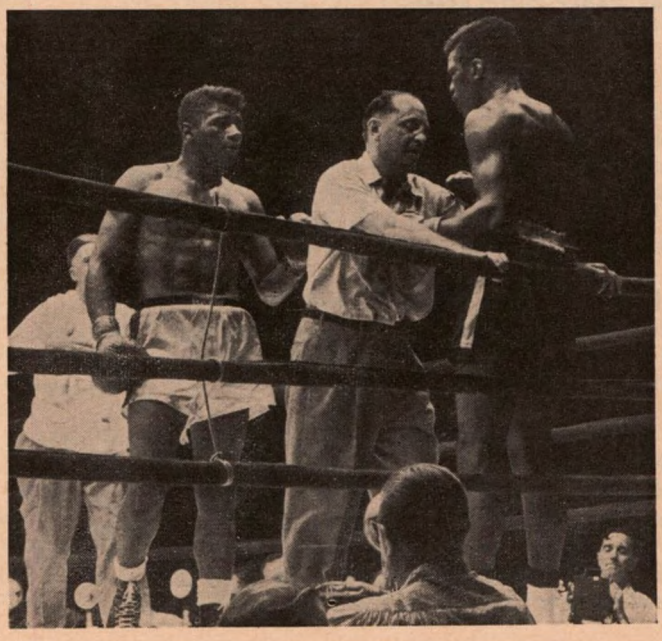
"He shouldn't have done it."

"He should have—"

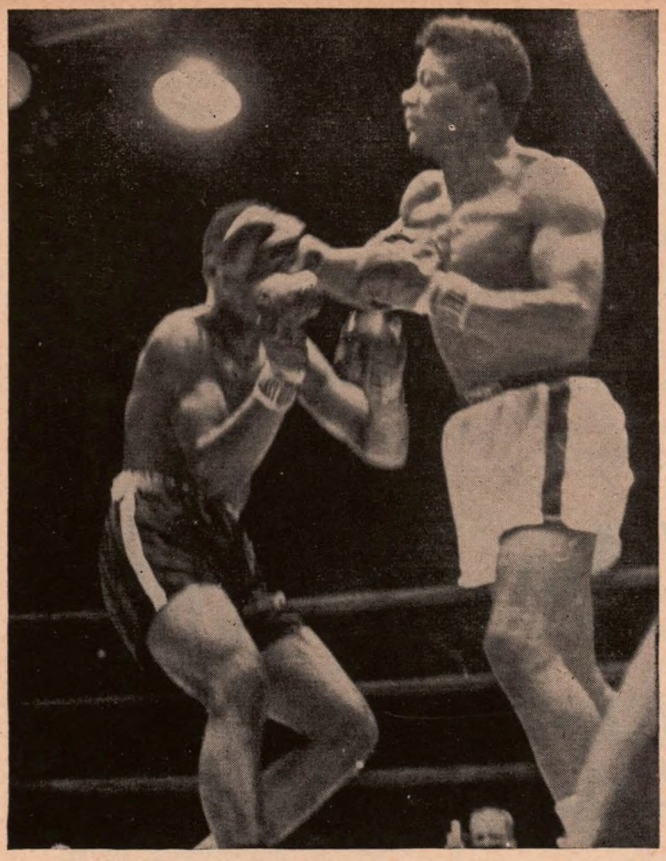
Such were the comments one heard following the one-sided contest, if contest it might be termed, that wound up with Patterson, the youngest ever to hold the heavyweight crown, still the world champion, at 22.

It isn't unusual for a referee to halt a heavyweight title bout. I have seen it done on a number of occasions. Referee George Blake, one of America's top officials, who received a fee of $1,000 to referee the Young Stribling-Max Schmeling fight in Cleveland, halted it with only fifteen seconds to go, awarding Max the decision.

Stribling was even in a less helpless state than was Jackson. In the case of the latter, as Goldstein properly re-



Referee Ruby Goldstein steps between Patterson and the subdued "Hurricane" in the tenth round halting matters. The time was 1:52 of the round.



(Left above) The champion crashed a right to the jaw and Jackson's knees began to sag. The end is near and the champion senses it. Notice how Floyd's eyes are tightly shut as he follows through (Right) as Tommy is about to be seated.

marked, "He wasn't punching back, he was weak and he was taking terrific body punishment. I would have stopped it two rounds before had not Jackson suddenly come out and mixed it for about a minute. Unnecessary punishment is not part of boxing. It should not be permitted."

Ruby had thousands of fans supporting him. The hospitalization of Jackson following the contest, proved that the referee's judgment was not faulty. Had he let the fight go on to a finish—and there's no denying that Jackson, an unusual ringman, would have made every attempt to last through the final round—I wonder what the headlines would have been when it was learned that Hurricane had to be removed to a hospital!

TOP CHALLENGER, YET HE WAS BADLY OUTCLASSED

The theory that a heavyweight champion or challenger should go out of action only while being counted out on the resin floor, is a fallacy. Of course, the set-up in a title bout is different from that of an ordinary affair in which the official intercedes when a contest is too one-sided. Frequently an official, faint-hearted, halts a fight the moment he sees a little blood. But when a referee puts an end to an affair such as was on view at the Polo Grounds, he should be commended.

Few persons gave Jackson a chance. That's why the odds were 1 to 5. Whatever little wagering was done, was based on the assumption that the ever-moving, indefatigable Hurricane, inexhaustible, could carry on in the face of a heavy attack.

The question as to whether he could go the route made the fight an attractive one. Reports from both camps had indicated that Jackson was not in the same class as the champion, despite the fact that he rated top challenger.

When in 1:52 of the tenth round Goldstein carried out a referee's prerogative and put an end to an affair in which the challenger had become a perfect target for a continuous barrage and might have been seriously injured, the referee gained the respect of those who have placed him among the top officials of the country. He showed courage and good sense, despite the protests of the Jackson supporters who were watching, but not absorbing the punishment of Patterson's eccentric opponent.

JACKSON'S DEFENSE POOR; DROPPED THREE TIMES

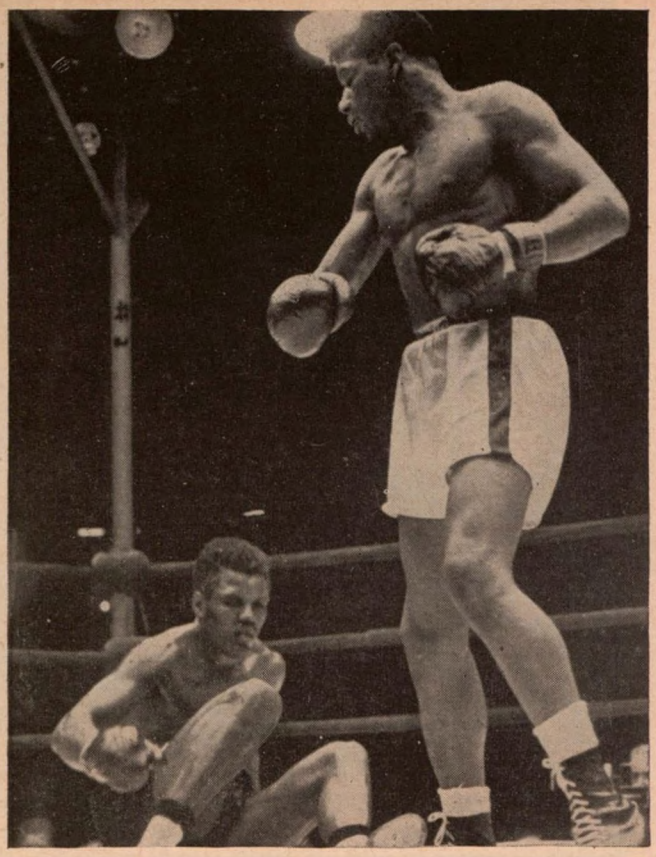
Jackson started off well, but as the fight progressed, he couldn't defend himself, slapping instead of tossing punches. He absorbed terrific body clouts and many to the jaw, yet with his determination, although dropped three times, he appeared likely to last the limit. What might have happened had he gone 15, based on his physical condition as attested to by the doctors who attended him at the Meadowbrook Hospital in Long Island, is problematical. Goldstein wasn't chicken hearted. He was a spectacular referee.

While Hurricane was under observation at the hospital, D'Amato, who gave him the opportunity to fight for the crown and to obtain $61,929.81 for his fruitless efforts, was performing a generous deed at the offices of the promoter.

Learning that Lence, if he paid Patterson the guarantee of $175,000 which the contract called for, would be in a hole for more than $30,000, waived the agreement and accepted forty percent of the gate, thus enabling Lence to make a profit of about $20,000 on his first promotion. Patterson's share was $123,859.62.

PATTERSON FINE FIGHTER BUT NOT YET FLAWLESS

The fight ran true to the pattern indicated by training camp reports. The champion fought as he had planned. He announced that he would remain in close to avoid Jackson's leaping tactics of their previous engagement, would play heavily for the body, and would wear his man down.



(Left above) Jackson settles in a sitting position as Floyd pivots on his right foot completing his follow through. (Right) Jackson starts to roll over as Floyd heads for a neutral corner in this ninth round action that produced the third and final knockdown of the fight. Many felt that the fight could have been halted then.

Floyd missed out only on continued action. He failed to take advantage of the opportunity gained by powerful midsection barrages, by fighting only in spurts.

His best blows were delivered in flurries, his only fault. Otherwise he showed vast improvement over his previous performances against Jackson and over the fight in which he knocked out Archie Moore in the fifth round in Chicago.

Patterson had Jackson continually at his mercy. In the fourth round he had Hurricane doubled in pain, grimacing and holding his hands on his abdomen. Yet the champ, instead of quickly concentrating on the spot as Louis, Dempsey or Marciano would have done, shifted to a head attack in trying for the knockout. Had he followed up, he would have saved the arguments that attended the stoppage by the referee.

Patterson indicated that he still has much to learn to be accorded the honors given to previous top men of his division. He stands out far above any one of his challengers, and with continued attention to physical condition, may better Joe Louis' mark for holding on to the championship.

At this stage of his career Floyd has everything in his favor. Criticism that he threw his punches in spurts, halted heavy attacks too long when he had Jackson at a distinct disadvantage—at his mercy—was justified. He'll probably overcome these deficiencies as he continues to engage in title defenses.

He proved against Jackson that he is the fastest moving, cleverest, best punching heavyweight in the game today and because of these assets, he has little to fear from his rivals, Eddie Machen included.

His body attack was terrific. Every time he clouted one to Jackson's mid-section, or a blow caught Hurricane in the side as he tried to avoid the punch, the challenger winced.

Jackson, called "The Animal" by the fight public, displayed unusual gameness, and perseverence in the face of terrific punishment. He never let up though his own punches—mostly slaps—were ineffective.

Jackson often missed as the champion kept stepping backward seeking a good opening, and when this presented itself, Floyd cut loose with lefts and rights that hit the mark with uncanny accuracy.

Patterson's reflexes were good. His aim was almost perfect. His punching was much improved—solid and with a sting. His ring generalship was what one would expect from the holder of a crown except for the few flaws already noted.

CHAMPION OUT TO GAIN GREATER RECOGNITION

The champ went into the fray with determination and faith in himself. He wanted to prove to the skeptics that he was a real champion and succeeded, though not as he had hoped, by a clean knockout. In almost everything he did, Floyd displayed improvement over previous performances. He made Jackson miss often and did an excellent job at blocking, in which he followed the style made famous by top boxers from France—resting his elbows against his chest with the gloved fists protecting the jaw. His jabs carried a sting and often he stabbed four or more in rapid succession.

Since Patterson floored his opponent three times, it was surprising that the fight went as long as it did. He was dropped in the first round just as the bell sounded; again in the second when he got up at two but Knockdown Timer Teddy Martin counted six before Referee Goldstein ordered the men to resume boxing and for the third time in the ninth frame for a count of four. Patterson was in command throughout the contest. All officials gave him every round.

In the third, Jackson was battered badly and all but knocked down.

In the fourth the champ let loose with both hands and a fusillade had Jackson groggy.

Only in the fifth did Jackson make a real fight of it. His flaying fists kept going at a rapid rate but that was the end for him. From there on he was subjected to a beating in every round but he never faltered. He kept moving into the fire and occasionally landed on the champ's face or body but the punches were ineffective. He in turn was taking a shellacking that puffed his left eye, drew blood from nose and mouth, and slowed him considerably.

Though 14,458 persons paid to see the first independently promoted heavyweight championship in many years, there were 17,458 in attendance and the net receipts were $134,649.01 of which the champion received 40 percent and the challenger 20. They also shared similarly in the $175,000 paid by General Motors for television and radio.

DEFIES PUBLIC OPINION; ACCEPTS RADEMACHER

In defiance of public opinion and the World Championship Committee and an urgent plea by the president of the National Boxing Association to drop the proposed match, Patterson accepted Peter Rademacher, Olympic heavyweight champion, as his next opponent.

Though Peter, 6 feet 1½ inches tall and scaling 210 pounds never fought as a professional, Cus D'Amato, his manager, figured that the $250,000 guarantee he had been offered for the fight, was too big to turn down. Though the fight takes place as we go to press, The Ring Editor will be on the scene for a ringside report for our next issue.

What after that bout which Patterson should win by a knockout unless the biggest upset in ring history takes place, is problematical. D'Amato says he will not fight for the International Boxing Club and any future contests in defense of Patterson's crown will take place under Lence's jurisdiction.

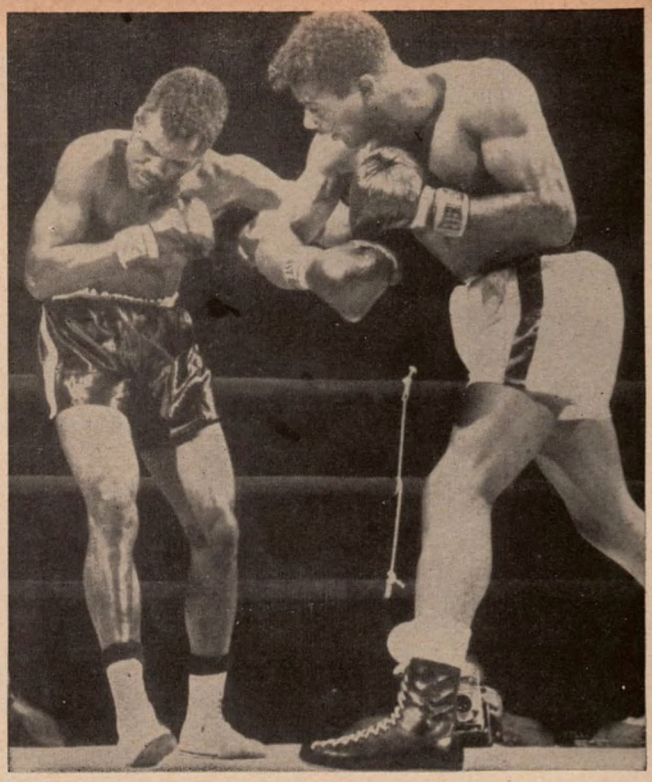
The man who ranks Number One challenger now is Machen of Redding, Cal., who though a good hitter, is far from a finished product. However, he looms as the best in the field to face Floyd this winter. As for Archie Moore, he had his chance and is no longer the fighter who would help draw the public past the turnstiles in another attempt to gain the throne. He's out, as is Hurricane Jackson, who is ranked second.

That leaves a young heavyweight, Zora Folley of Chandler, Arizona, Willie Pastrano of New Orleans and Roy Harris of Cut-and-Shoot, next in line. The best prospect is Harris, a most colorful Texan, a school teacher with a background that will boom a heavyweight title fight from the point of view of good ballyhoo. He's young, is about Patterson's age, 23 years old, is his size and weight but needs considerable tutoring since he has only recently made the grade. But he has what it takes, especially as a colorful, selling character. With the scarcity of heavyweight material, any attractive personality will fit the bill should D'Amato carry out his plans to have the champion follow in Joe Louis' footsteps and fight frequently.

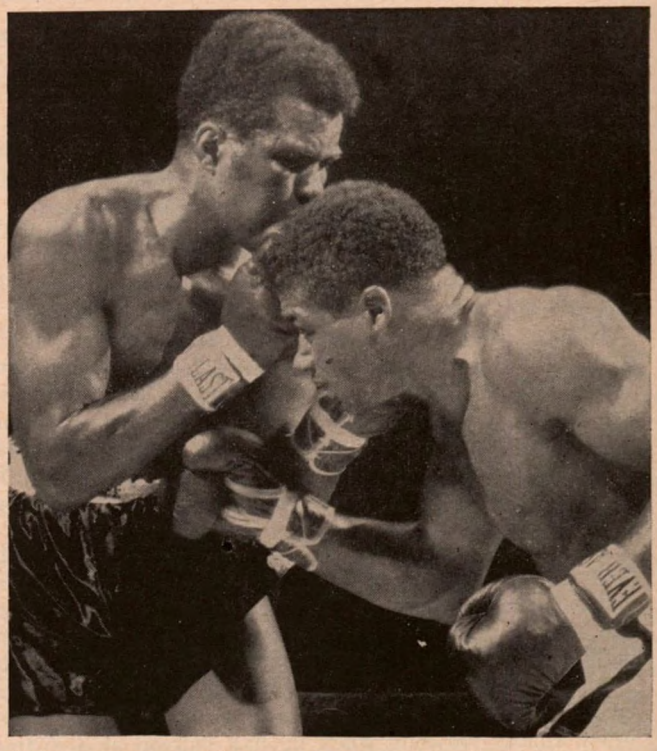
Should Roy Harris continue winning, he will find himself lifted into the championship picture. And let's not forget two other colorful foreigners who have hit the spotlight, Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, European heavyweight champion and Alex Miteff, Champion of South and Central America, who hails from Argentine Republic. It wouldn't take much persuasion for D'Amato, fighting Jim Norris who has first call on most of the top heavyweights, to import Johansson for a shot at the title or to induce those handling Miteff, who are closely allied with the I.B.C. outfit, to consider a championship match. Either of the foreigners would be a better attraction than any of the ranked heavies other than Harris.

There really isn't much top talent from which to choose but what we have is the best available and we must make the best of it. The public doesn't expect to see any thrillers from among those in the field, but will support any of the top ten who qualifies.

Young Murtry of Tacoma, Washington, who recently handed Bobo Olson a shellacking, is another who looms as a possible opponent should Cus D'Amato decide on putting his champion through a fighter of the month program such as he is considering. The situation is none too rosy. We will have to await the outcome of the fall matches in which the leaders are certain to take part, before we can pin down Patterson's opponent for the next big shows.



A slashing right to the jaw by the champion buckles Jackson's knees in the sixth round. This and the fifth were the only close rounds of the one sided fight.



Jackson covers up as Floyd pounds away at his midsection just before flooring the challenger in the second round. It was this early body attack that paved the victory road for the crown wearer.

LOSER WON'T QUIT

Tommy Jackson is a downcast figure as he is assisted to his car to leave the East Meadow hospital after checking out against the Doctor's wishes. Tommy blamed his defeat on everyone but himself, but said he hoped to fight again soon. However his manager Lippy Breitbart blamed Jackson's loss on the failure of "the Hurricane" to listen to the instructions from his corner and said that if Jackson continues to fight he will have to obey instructions.

VICTOR HAS A HEART

Floyd and his wife are shown leaving the Hospital after visiting Jackson, who was rushed there the morning after the fight suffering from a kidney ailment. Although the doctors wanted to keep Jackson in the hospital for at least a week, he refused to stay in bed and left the next day returning to his home.

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By NAT LOUBET

THE POTENT LEFT HOOK

Robinson and Basilio Possess It And Their Battle Promises To Revive Tradition That Best Ring Weapon Is The Portside Bomb

CARMEN Basilio, welterweight champion of the world, and Ray Robinson, defending his middleweight crown, set up what must be called the Battle of the Hookers.

For Carmen, that lefthand wallop long has been the meal ticket. For Sugar, the same punch has stood out year after year in one of the most amazing careers in ring history.

That the fight public found this match as intriguing as the Robinson-Randy Turpin battle at the Polo Grounds in 1951 became apparent just as soon as the International Boxing Club placed tickets on sale.

It is a great talking fight, a great betting contest.

The match puts together two men who have the ability to give and receive punishment in better than average doses.

Basilio has been called one of the best body pummelers in the ring today and Robinson only recently was termed by Charley Goldman, ex-trainer of Rocky Marciano, *"The last of the great fighters in the ring."*

The match plays up all the "if's," "and's" and "but's." "Robinson is too old and Basilio will soften him up around the belly," some insist.

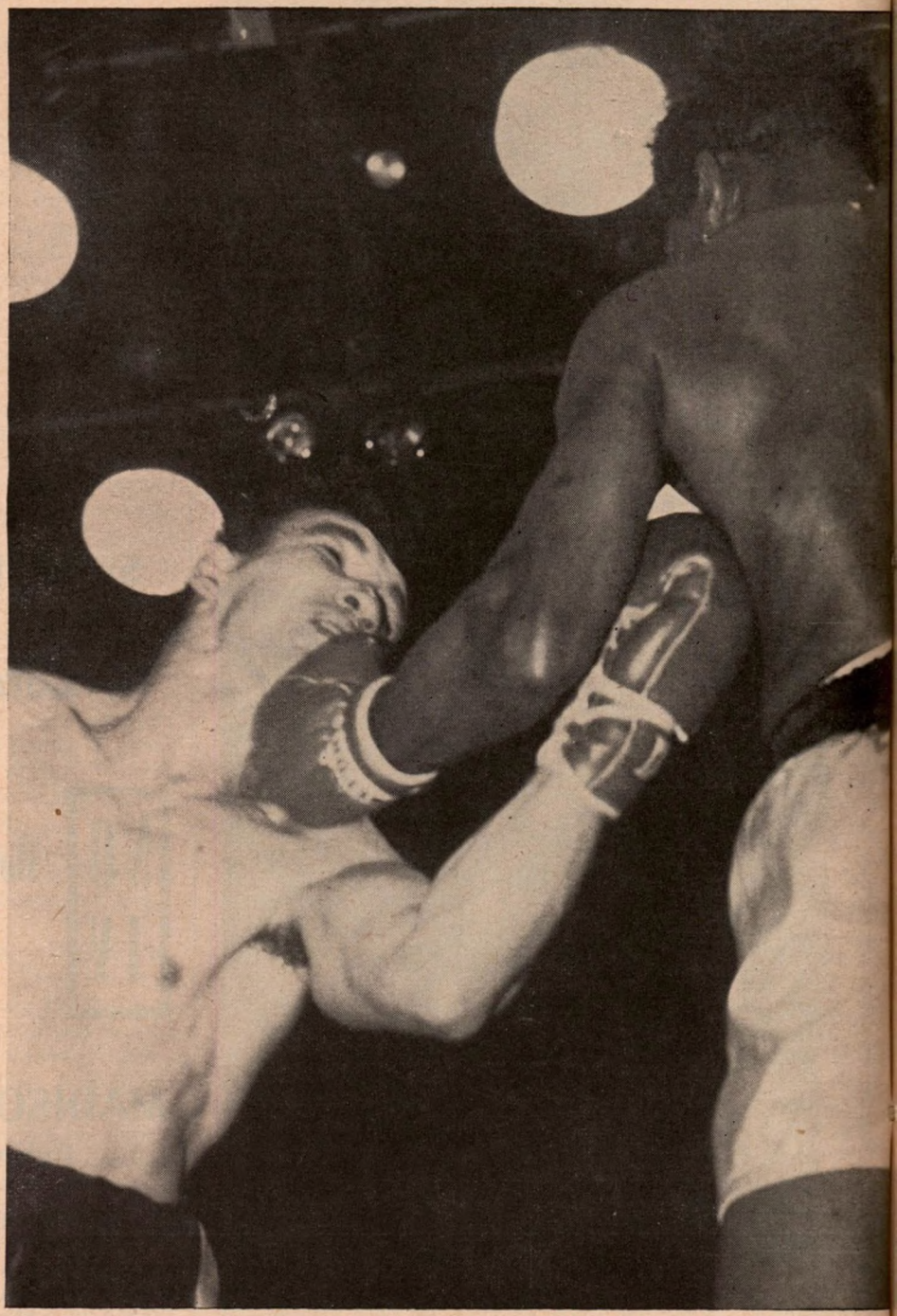
"Robinson has the canny ring craft plus the ability to put a man away with one punch," point out his adherents.

Ring tradition has it that a good chin and solid left hook are the best assets any fighter can possess. Robbie and Basilio have both.

Robinson began his serious contention as a middleweight back in 1949, the night of August 24, when he took out Steve Belloise with one left hook in the seventh round.

He had fought some middleweights, but had not been convincing in his ability as a puncher against heavier rivals. He had been rated as a "Fancy Dan," a guy with all the ring tricks, polish, fast hands and faster feet. But not one who could put a man away with one sock.

He dealt out combinations faster than an adding machine could compute un-



Bombed by a left hook, Gene Fullmer drops to the canvas and is counted out of the fight and his middleweight title which with this punch returned to Sugar Ray Robinson.

til he stoned his opponents into unconsciousness. But in his fight with Belloise, Robbie put on display his new found power, a left hook that had the force to numb in one dose.

Robbie has further convinced ring skeptics of his hooking ability by his single left hook knockout of "Bobo" Olson in four rounds in the last of their four meetings. Just when he seemed to be tiring, Ray unleashed a left hook to Olson's jaw that dumped him cold.

Then Robbie lost his title to Fullmer on an off-night when he couldn't find that opening and later in Chicago he led Fullmer into making one grave mistake. Cocky, sure of himself, and wide open, Gene went to his destruction. A left hook flashed out in the fifth round as Fullmer charged in and a bewildered champ looked up from the floor as the crown once again changed owners.

BASILIO ONE OF TOP HOOKERS OF PRESENT DAY

What of Basilio as a hooker? He is one of the best of those around today. From the beginning of his career in 1948 he has been a punishing body puncher with that left as his most damaging weapon. Back in 1954 Carmen met a high riding, murderous left hooker, Carmine Fiore, and out-dueled him over ten rounds. Fiore could tear your head off with one of his hooks.

But it wasn't until Basilio met Tony DeMarco, the welterweight title holder, and one of the hardest left hookers in the business, that Carmen showed his power in that department. He lifted the title from DeMarco in Syracuse by out-punching the Bostonian until the referee halted the contest in the twelfth round to prevent DeMarco from receiving further punishment.

In their return engagement at Boston, Basilio duplicated his stunt by halting Tony with a left hook, one of many, that caused the challenger's finish in the same round as in their first meeting.

The fights in which Basilio and Robinson have displayed their wares as hookers, as well as speculation on the outcome of their meeting, have brought back memories to boxing fans of other great hookers of the past.

Few of the hardy lads of the ring won championships armed only with a left hook. But many of those who made that pinnacle depended a great deal on throwing their most telling blows from the port side.

HAWKINS, WHITE CITED AS GREAT HOOKERS OF PAST

Old-timers are practically agreed that Dal Hawkins, the old California lightweight, in the division's brightest era, 1890-1910, was the best of all the left-hookers. There is a lesser group maintaining that Charley White, who rode to fame and fortune on a left hook in the 1906-1923 era, was as good as if not better than Hawkins.

Tony DeMarco, a good left hooker himself, was unable to match portside heaves with the champ Carmen Basilio in his unsuccessful bid to regain his welterweight crown.

It wasn't until Hawkins defeated Joe Gans in fifteen rounds in 1896 that he blossomed into a headline figure. Hawkins then had his ups-and-downs, defeating Charley McKeever, knocking out "Iron Man" Eddie Connelly and then being defeated in twenty-two rounds. But he snapped back to thread a needle with his left hook flush on the jaw of Kid McPartland in the eighth round of their New York battle.

Hawkins had a deadly flaw, a fragile jaw. It was never more in evidence than the night he was flattened by Frank Erne, March 3, 1899. Up the ladder he climbed again, stopping top boxers like George Kerwin, Patsy Sweeney and Jerry Sullivan.

Once again Dal was matched with the great Gans. The year was 1900 and Joe had missed his chance at the lightweight title by being knocked out in twelve rounds by Frank Erne. Joe rectified this two years later when he won the crown from Frank.

Gans, knowing the Hawkins left hook, protected his right side carefully. The bout was only minutes old when Hawkins hooked and down went Gans. Despite his caution, Joe had been nailed. Gans managed to beat the count and last out the round.

In the next session he cornered Hawkins and knocked him out. But Gans was never nearer to defeat than when that lightning hook of Hawkins' found its mark.

Charley White could dart a left hook against an opponent's jaw with only the slightest opening. On September 4, 1916, he went twenty rounds with the head of the lightweights, Freddy Welsh. They had fought a ten round no-decision affair the previous year and White was hot to knock Welsh out.

Although Welsh won on points, referee Eddie Smith had this to say about the contest:

"As often as I have seen Welsh box, I never saw him closer to being knocked out . . . that left hook of Charley's is pure poison. As clever as Welsh was, Charley nailed him and only the bell saved Fred."

White's second crack at the title came on the afternoon of July 5, 1920 when he climbed into the ring with lightweight king Benny Leonard. A good left hooker himself, Benny knew the danger involved in getting clipped by one of White's portside tosses. He stayed away from White for seven rounds until he saw an opening and then stopped the Chicagoan with a flury of lefts and rights. In that bout Benny was almost knocked out when White put him out of the ring.

JEFFRIES TAUGHT TO HOOK BY ABLE TEACHER RYAN

Ray Miller, who had a nine year ring career from 1923 to 1932, now a liquor firm representative and New York State referee, was another who was never a champ, but he fought most of the leading lightweights and welters of his time. He possessed a devastating left hook.

Jim Jeffries stated that he never would have won the heavyweight crown if Tommy Ryan hadn't taught him to use his left hook. Veterans who saw Jeffries testify as to his tremendous body hooks.

Another heavyweight champ, Gentlemen Jim Corbett, claimed credit for developing the left hook as a short, ac-

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THE POLO GROUNDS 1890-1957?

Built for baseball, and long the home of the New York Giants, the Polo Grounds has been the scene of many other historic athletic events, including a score or more world championship fights. Here the famous old stadium in Harlem is seen in a familiar role of boxing arena.

By JERSEY JONES

(This is the first installment of a four-part series on the colorful sports history of the Polo Grounds, which will be demolished when New York's baseball Giant move to San Francisco. These articles will cover the important role boxing has played in the long, exciting career of the Harlem stadium)

THE world heavyweight title affair between Floyd Patterson and Tommy Jackson isn't likely to be distinguished as one of the great, inspiring battles of the prize ring, but it probably earned one distinction for itself. It may have been the last major boxing event promoted in the world's oldest and most historic sports arena of modern times—the Polo Grounds.

When the New York Giants shift their National League baseball franchise to San Francisco next year, which is now certain, their long-time home in Harlem will be torn down and the site used either for a vast parking lot or a housing development.

No athletic stadium in this or any other land has packed in more colorful sports history and tradition than the Polo Grounds. Although identified mainly with baseball, it has been the scene of many other sports extravaganzas. Football and boxing have played important roles in its long, busy history, and through the years it also has presented soccer games, midget automobile racing, track-and-field events, tennis matches and even a ski carnival, not to mention such non-athletic programs as opera and revival meetings.

The beginning of the Polo Grounds story goes back to the early 1870's, when James Gordon Bennett, Jr., son of the noted newspaper publisher, helped introduce polo to the American citizenry. Bennett and his society pals did their playing on a field at 5th Avenue and 110th Street, then 'way uptown in undeveloped Harlem. A couple of years later they moved to Westchester County, but the pastures continued to be known as the Polo Grounds.

BASEBALL TOOK OVER

Beginning in 1876, during the pioneer era of professional baseball, the Polo Grounds was the home field of New York clubs, first the Mutuals, then the Metropolitans, and, finally, the Giants, so dubbed because Manager Jim Mutrie favored big, husky players.

In 1889 the Giants had to seek a new site. Harlem had been growing steadily in population and the Polo Grounds was sold for a real estate development. The club ended up at 8th Avenue and 155th Street. Since Giants and Polo Grounds had become synonymous with New York baseball by then, the name of the field went along with the team and was tacked onto the new park.

In 1890 the "Brotherhood War" broke out in baseball, and the Giants found themselves in the unique position of having an opposition New York club play on a field directly adjoining theirs on the north.

The "war" lasted only one year, and in 1891 the Giants had the territory to themselves. Since their own stands could accommodate only 4,644 customers while the "rebels'" park was able to take care of 12,113, the Giants moved into the larger stadium. They've been there ever

since. The abandoned field was used for various other athletic events for a while, and eventually was taken over by the Giants again for a parking lot.

It is needless to go into subsequent baseball history at the Polo Grounds. With the turn of the century, and the advent of the swashbuckling John J. (Muggsy) McGraw as manager, the Giants became one of the sport's outstanding teams and the Polo Grounds the scene of many an historic diamond episode. The stadium itself has undergone several alterations through the years. It was rebuilt and enlarged after being swept by fire in 1911. It was enlarged again in 1923 to compete with the new Yankee Stadium. It's capacity eventually reached 55,000 for baseball, but with the playing field available it has accommodated more than 80,000 for boxing.

MARATHONS AND FOOTBALL

One of the earliest non-baseball attractions in the Harlem park was the final meeting in 1910 of those Olympic marathon rivals, the Italian Dorando Pietri and the American Johnny Hayes. The dramatic ending of their 26 mile-385 yard grind at the London Olympiad in 1908 when Dorando, well in front, collapsed just before the finish line and Hayes went on to win, attracted so much attention that American promoters prevailed upon the rivals to turn professional and engage in a series of marathons in the United States. The grand finale was for a $10,000 purse at the Polo Grounds. It was estimated that some 30,000 witnesses turned out for the event. Ironically, neither Dorando nor Hayes won. While the rivals were concentrating on each other, an "outsider," Henri St. Yves of France, sneaked home in front. Dorando was second, Hayes third.

The Polo Grounds has figured prominently in both collegiate and professional football doings. From 1913 through '27 it was the battleground for nine of the annual Army-Navy classics. Notre Dame of Knute Rockne and the "Four Horsemen" was a regular autumn attraction. Pop Warner and his colorful Carlisle Indians appeared there a couple of times. Princeton, Dartmouth, Washington & Jefferson, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Lafayette, Columbia, Fordham, New York University and Stanford were only some of the many other colleges to use the field for important games.

In 1919, when professional football was in its struggling infancy, Jim Thorpe brought in his Canton Bulldogs for a date with the Buffalo All-Americans. It was six years years later that play-for-pay football became Big Business in New York, and the "salesman" was the spectacular Red Grange, starring for the Chicago Bears against Tim Mara's local Giants. Some 50,000 excited customers packed the Polo Grounds that day, and Grange gave them the thrills they wanted.

Soccer's all-time high in the United States also was set at the Polo Grounds. In 1926 the visiting Hakoah team from Vienna played a picked American squad and jammed the stands with a 48,000 crowd.

BOXING'S BIGGEST SUMMER

It wasn't until 1923 that boxing made its debut at the Polo Grounds, and the departure of the New York Yankees, of the American League, made it possible.

Until that year, there had been no open summer dates for a decade at the Polo Grounds. The Yankees, after losing their own field in Washington Heights, had moved into the Giants' park as tenants, which meant the Polo Grounds was in constant use for baseball from April to October.

With the advent of the "Murderers' Row" era of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bob Meusel, et al., the Yanks had supplanted the Giants as New York's top diamond attraction. Outgrowing the Polo Grounds, they decided to build

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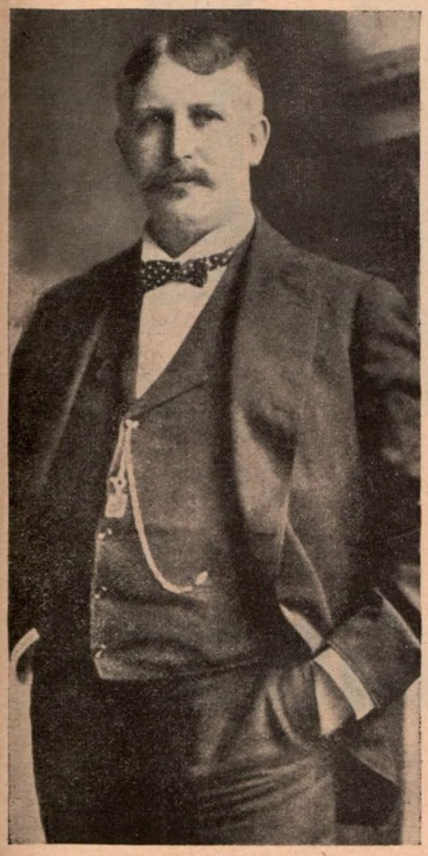


(Left) Tom O'Rourke, noted promoter and manager, who staged the first fights in the Polo Grounds during the summer of 1923. (Above) A daytime view of the historic old stadium, from the adjacent heights of Coogan's Bluff.

Gomes, left, posing with Lulu Perez just prior to their fight in which the referee halted the contest in the sixth round due to Lulu's injuries. This was a big win for Gomes.

It Has Taken Seven Years For Harold Gomes To Prove Himself But Now He Is One Of the Most Highly Regarded Of The World's Featherweights.

Gomes Has Arrived

By MURRAY GOODMAN

WHEN he went to Euclid, Ohio, recently, to knock out Lulu Perez, Harold James Gomes travelled further away from his Providence, R. I., home than he ever did in his entire life.

And in the space of six months this young featherweight of Portuguese-Greek descent has gone further in two fights than he did over a period of seven years. That, in the proverbial nutshell, is the simple story of the serious-faced, quiet-speaking young man who for the last four years has helped support his family by working as a laborer for the City of Providence.

"*Nothing can stop me now,*" he said. "*I waited for my break and I finally got it. I was never discouraged when I couldn't get a big fight. It is true that the biggest purses of my seven-year career came in the last six months and that before that* $200 *for a fight was a lot of money, but I never got bitter and I never lost heart. All I wanted was the chance and I got it. I'm glad I have two managers like Sammy Richman and Frank Travis, who were patient and kept trying. I am also glad that I didn't let them down.*"

With the exception of a four-round fight in Madison Square Garden on June 12, 1953, Gomes never fought outside of Providence, Boston, Fall River and New Britain until his last fight with Perez in Euclid.

"*We just couldn't get fights for him anywhere else,*" declared Richman. "*We don't blame anybody but it just worked out that way. Harold was working all the time so we couldn't take preliminary fights for him too far away from home. In New England, he was a star. Elsewhere, nobody heard of him. When they were looking for somebody to fight Bobby Rogers, the Chicago sensation, in Boston last December, I grabbed the shot. It was on television and here was the chance to show Gomes to the country. Harold knocked out Rogers in the ninth and seven years of work and waiting was over. The kid was made.*"

Harold Gomes, called "Chubby" by his many friends, was born in Providence on August 22, 1933. He stands 5 feet, 5 inches in height and scales in around 126 to 128 pounds. His father, who separated from the family when all seven were still young, was Portuguese. His mother, Bessie, is Greek. Harold is the third oldest of four brothers and three sisters.

"*It was tough going when my father left us,*" he continued. "*As soon as we were old enough, we all had to go to work. I got very friendly with George Araujo, who lived near me, and George and my older brother, Richie, thought I would do good in boxing. It was another way to make a living. I had one amateur fight, on March 26, 1951, and in that fight I won the New England bantamweight championship. Six months later, I turned professional. I was still in Hope High School, from where I graduated in* 1952.

"*Through my boxing, I supported the whole family, and then I also went to work for the city, because there was not enough money around Providence. I won my first* 21 *fights, most of them by knockouts, but I just couldn't get anywhere.*"

Harold married Arlene two years ago. They have one child, a girl, they call Karen Anne.

"*I've got something to fight for now. I want to buy a home for my family and the way things are going, it looks like I'll be able to do it soon. My purse with Bobby Rogers was better than* $4500 *and also with Lulu Perez. That's more in two fights than I made in all my others, I guess.*"

Harold's tastes are normal. He likes to dance, does a bit of drawing, and collects and listens to records. He fancies Italian food, with roast chicken his favorite dish.

"*But nothing like that when I'm training,*" he added hastily.

He calls himself a boxer-puncher and feels that his right hand is his best punch. He is an ardent trainer, does at least three-and-a-half miles of roadwork every day when working for a fight, and hits the road even when not scheduled.

In his career, Gomes has lost only three fights, all to Tommy Tibbs, a Boston lightweight. They fought six times and Harold won the first three, Tibbs the next three.

"*Twice he beat me on cuts,*" said Gomes. "*He always outweighed me and I guess he just got my number.*"

Though he won the New England featherweight championship by beating Johnny O'Brien in twelve rounds in 1954, it was not until he knocked out Pat Marcune in nine rounds in Providence on February 6, 1956, that Gomes felt he could make it.

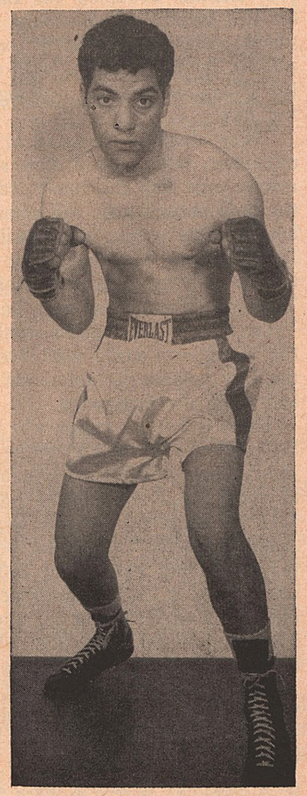
"*Marcune was the first real name fighter I fought. It gave me the confidence I needed.*"

As to the future, Gomes faces it with that newborn confidence.

"*I feel that I'm at least as good as any featherweight fighting today. I saw Hogan Kid Bassey fight Miguel Berrios. Bassey impressed me as a good, strong boy but he can be beaten.*

"*Berrios looked much tougher, maybe the toughest featherweight in the division. He's the busiest fighter I've seen and with busy fighters you've got to think all the time.*"

Harold James Gomes lives in Providence, R. I.



A front view of Gomes showing his rugged physique that wears down his opponents.
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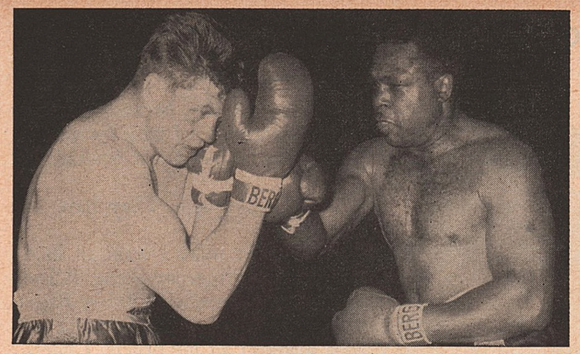

Belgian heavyweight champion Alain Cherville covers up under Old Arch's attack, just before he was stopped in the sixth round of Moore's last bout, for which Archie scaled 187.

MORE

World light heavyweight king Archie Moore, has received his pound of gold for shedding pounds of flesh. He has been guaranteed $90,000.00 for his September title defense against Tony Anthony.

By

LEW ESKIN

DURING the past two months, boxing commissions have been having a field day trying to strip Archie Moore of his world light heavyweight title. The reason? Archie refused to sign for a championship defense unless he received what he considered a fair fee for gambling his crown. He pointed out that he had had to pay Joey Maxim $100,000 for the privilege of boxing Joey for the latter's championship. When he won it by outscoring Maxim in fifteen rounds in St. Louis, Archie walked out of the arena with the knowledge that he won the championship but nothing for his efforts other than the title.

"*Why should I be asked to accept a percentage against opponents who cannot draw sufficiently to enable me to receive even half the sum it cost me,*" he kept asking and the only answer from the commissions was that he would have to sign on the best possible terms or lose his crown. It took a long time for Archie to dig up a sponsor willing to risk cash on a fight in which Tony Anthony of New York, who already had been held to a draw in a bout with Yvon Durelle of Canada would be the challenger. But the match was made with Moore guaranteed $90,000 by the Los Angeles promoter, ten thousand short of what he had originally demanded.

There is another reason why Moore held out for so long. He realized that at his age he is well past his prime and should Lady Luck desert him and Anthony win the verdict, it would signify the end of Archie's career. Fistic experts have remarked that despite the poor showing of Anthony against Durelle, Tony is far better equipped at this stage than is Moore who scaled 206½ pounds and 187 pounds respectively in his last two appearances since being knocked out by Floyd Patterson. To retain his crown Archie will have to show far more than what he displayed in his successful defense against Yolande Pompey.

In four-and-a-half years that Moore has held the light heavyweight title, he has defended it five times and twice unsuccessfully challenged for the heavyweight crown as well as engaging in twenty-two other contests. One has to go a long way to find a more active champion, yet he has been harassed and threatened with the loss of his livelihood because commissions have called him "*an inactive title holder.*"

True he last defended against Pompey on June 5, 1956, but through no fault of his. No promoter could find a suitable opponent whose drawing power was sufficient to meet the fee Archie requested. Of those named by the governing bodies as suitable opponents two Harold Johnson of Philadelphia of "*poisoned orange*" fame and Pompey had been kayoed by Moore in previous title bids. The other, Anthony, was a poor attraction though a good boxer.

Durelle, who drew with Anthony is a good plugger, but doesn't fit into the picture. Hence Anthony got the assignment but only after the terms of Moore were met.

Should Moore be blamed for his stand? Those in favor of fair play don't think so.

Until Anthony so spectacularly disposed of Chuck Spieser in three rounds this year only Speiser could be termed an outstanding challenger. With Spieser out of the way, Tony took on the unheralded journeyman, Yvon Durelle while Moore campaigned in Germany.

As in the case of the Spieser-Anthony fight, there was a big shock! Anthony this time was the one to be surprised. The strong, willing, unskilled Canadian cruiserweight gave Tony quite a beating in the final rounds and had him on queer street in the closing round. The draw decision was booed and quite a bit of the shine came off Tony's armor. Now the experts shifted and were willing to give Moore more than a fighting chance to lick the New Yorker if the weight problem doesn't affect Archie's fighting qualities and he can do the job in a hurry.

Archie has been an active campaigner all his career, with over 180 fights to his credit. He has never ducked a fight. After winning the crown, he gave Maxim a return bout six months later retaining his title in a close fight and within six months he again met the former title holder. This time in Miami, Fla., where Archie decked Joey twice and won easily.

Seven months later he met his old pal Harold Johnson, whom he had defeated three times before in four meetings. In their last bout at Madison Square Garden, Archie came off the canvas to kayo Johnson in the fourteenth round.

The following summer he kayoed world middleweight king Carl (Bobo) Olson in three heats and three months later, September 21, 1955, fought Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title and after flooring Rocky, was stopped in

Tommy Loughran, who defended his title six times. If Moore gets past Anthony he will tie Tommy as the second man in number of title defenses in the 175 pound division behind Maxie Rosenbloom who made 9.

FOR MOORE

Challenger Tony Anthony looks pensive as he listens to Archie spin a tale at the title signing. Moore, who is 43, is old enough to be the 22 year old Tony's father.

the ninth round. He gave a good performance.

Last June he made his last title defense in London, then took on Patterson for the vacant heavyweight crown and was knocked out.

When Moore became champion, the top five men in the division were, Johnson, Maxim, Pompey, Danny Nardico and Harry Matthews. Matthews moved up into the heavyweight class.

As of the Ring's annual ratings for 1953, the top men were Johnson, Maxim, Pompey, Jimmy Slade and Nardico. Archie had whipped Slade in a match earlier, and there was no demand for a title bout between them. Nardico decided to cast his lot with the heavyweights.

In the Ring's annual ratings for 1954, the top men were Maxim, Johnson, Billy Smith, Paul Andrews and Floyd Patterson. Andrews and Patterson were not considered, Paul moving up a class and Floyd not yet fighting top men. Smith, a veteran who had been kayoed twice and beaten once by Moore, certainly wasn't a contender who would draw the fans. In fact Billy himself wanted nothing more to do with Archie, he turned down a match.

In the Ring's annual rankings for 1955, the same old trio, Maxim, Johnson and Pompey were joined by Patterson, Willie Pastrano and Gerhard Hecht, the veteran German who has been the on again off again European champion. Patterson and Pastrano were aiming for the heavyweights. Of the others, Hecht who fitted into the picture as a suitable foe, based on his record, but he also didn't seem too interested in a match, so Archie faced Olson and went after bigger game in Marciano.

There is no reason to believe that Moore has ducked the issue. Given an opponent who would make it profitable in Archie's closing days as champion, he would have put his title on the line as often as requested.

In comparing other title holders' action, Archie can be considered a busy bee. For example in the seven odd years that Philadelphia Jack O'Brien was ruler, he didn't defend

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 22nd.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
2—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
3—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**PAT McMURTRY,** Tacoma, Wash.
8—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
6—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
8—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**RALPH (Tiger) JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
10—**WILLIE VAUGHN,** Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
6—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
7—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
8—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
9—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
10—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**ORLANDO REYES,** Cuba
5—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
6—**DANTE BINI,** France
7—**JIMMY CARSON,** Ireland
8—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
9—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
3—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
4—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
5—**ARTENIO CALZAVARA,** Italy
6—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
7—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
8—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
9—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
10—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
5—**CHARLEY (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
7—**LARRY BAKER,** Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
8—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
9—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

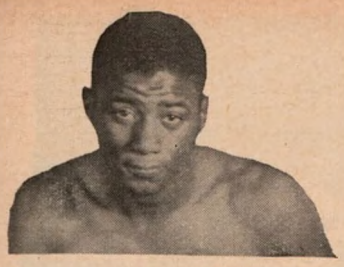
World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
3—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
6—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
7—**JOSE COTERO,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
9—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
10—**PETE KAWALA,** Canada

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
2—**DOMMY URUSA,** Philippines
3—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
4—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
5—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
6—**HITOSKI MISAKO,** Japan
7—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
8—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
9—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
10—**RAMON CATATAYUD,** Venezuela



FLOYD PATTERSON

Fighter of the Month

FLOYD PATTERSON heads the list of active pugilists as "Fighter of the Month."

With the Basilio-Ray Robinson fight listed for this month, the cream of the top notchers seem to be on vacation pending the opening of the fall indoor season, with the result that only a few of the internationally ranked pugilists hit the headlines during the past month.

The elimination of Archie Moore from the ranking ten in the heavyweight listings enabled Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif., to leap into the front line among the challengers with Tommy Jackson dropped from that post to second and Zora Folley of Chandler, Ariz., victor over Edguardo Romero in third.

A newcomer is Alex Miteff of Argentina, who looms as the best of all the heavy prospects due to his sharp hitting and aggressiveness. He is rated tenth.

Pat McMurtry of Tacoma, Wash., advances to seventh from tenth.

The light heavyweight sector remains dormant. The class is at its lowest. The two who made the best advance are Yvon Durelle of Canada, now listed fourth and Artenio Calzavara of Italy, fifth. Gerhard Hecht of Germany dropped to sixth from fifth, Chuck Spieser of Lansing, Mich., to seventh from fourth and Willi Hoepner of Germany to eighth from seventh.

Charley Joseph of New Orleans, La., and Ellsworth Spider Webb of Chicago, switched places due to Webb's victory over the Southerner. They are rated sixth and seventh respectively in the middleweight division.

New faces in the welter class are those of Gil Turner, now rated ninth and Kid Gavilan of Cuba, tenth. They have been returned to the select circle.

Virgil Akins, St. Louis welter, did a swell job in disposing of Sugar Hart of Philadelphia and was upped from third to second among the contenders, exchanging place with Isaac Logart of Cuba, inactive. Del Flanagan, loser to Turner, dropped from sixth to eighth position and Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, who lost to Gavilan went down from third to sixth spot, with Larry Baker of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., listed in seventh place. Johnny Saxton and Walter Byars were dropped.

Leo Alonzo of the Philippines has been eliminated from the rated ten to make room in the lightweight class for Cisco Andrade of Compton, Calif., who has been returned to the ranked sector. He stopped Wallace Bud Smith to regain his old place. Johnny Busso of New York was upped to ninth and Andrade is tenth.

Paolo Rossi of New York who gained a close split verdict over Baby Vasquez of Mexico, advanced to sixth from eight with Vasquez dropping to seventh and Larry Boardman to eighth.

Inactive Ciro Morasen of Cuba and Altidori Polidori of Italy have been eliminated from the featherweight division and new faces replace them in Argentinian and South American champion, Ricardo Gonzalez who is ninth and Pete Kawala of Winnipeg, Canada, tenth. Each has an impressive record.

Billy Peacock of Los Angeles, Calif., in a losing streak since his manager, Joe Stanley's death, fell from fourth to ninth place among the bantams due to two defeats during the month, both to feathers.

Other changes in the bantamweights find Orlando Reyes of Cuba advanced to fourth replacing Peacock, Dante Bini, French champion went up to sixth and Joe Beccera of Mexico, gained a peg, from ninth to eighth post.

The flyweights find Ramon Arias, Venezuelan champion, by his win over Aristide Pozzali of Italy, entrenched in third place, up from seventh. Memo Diez of Mexico dropped from third to fifth with Pozzali down to seventh. Ramon Calatayud of Venezuela who defeated German Pardo replaced the latter in tenth. Pardo has been ousted.

Hitoshi Misako of Japan who was replaced in fifth position by Diez, is rated sixth.

Following are the leading results of the month:

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Mino Bozzano, Italy
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Orville Pitts, Milwaukee, Wisc.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Bob Berdahl, Boston, Mass.
WELTERWEIGHT—Carlton Wilson, Mobile, Ala.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Eddie Gaspora, Los Angeles, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Oscar Ortegon, Corpus Christi, Texas
BANTAMWEIGHT—Fernando Sota, Portugal
FLYWEIGHT—Warner Batchelor, Australia

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Floyd Patterson retained title by halting Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, 10.
Eddie Machen outclassed Bob Baker, 10.
Zora Folley halted Edgardo Romero, 6.
Charley Norkus stopped Crowe Peele, 4.
Alex Miteff stopped Julio Mederos, 7. Roger Rischer outpointed Ruben Vargas, 12. Brian London outfought Kitione Lave, 10.
Howard King defeated Bob Albright, 10, and Roque Maravilla, 10. Amos Lincoln won over Marty Marshall, 8. George Peyton kayoed Paul Daniels, 2, and Eloy Vann, 7. Bruno Scarabellin edged out Ossi Buttner, 6.
Howie Turner and Jack Jacobs drew, 6. Jack Torme stopped Emil Brtko, 5. Albert Westphal outslugged Spanish Champion Jose Gonzales, 8.
Cleveland Williams kayoed Cliff Gray, 1. Alonzo Johnson beat Neal Welch, 6. Tony Hughes kayoed Don Williams, 2. Manuel Burgo demolished light heavyweight Albert Finch, 2.
Nat Dixon kayoed Tommy Black, 2. Herman Henry stopped George Tavares, 4. Larry Zernitz stopped Don Jackson, 4. Ernest Terrell kayoed Ray Griggs, 1. Sonny Jackson kayed Pete Trolley, 1 and Jack Reed, 2. Pat McMurtry kayoed Carl (Bobo) Olson, 2. Bob Butcher outpointed Arthur Wright, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tony Hughes kayoed Tommy Phillips, 2. Larry Huff stopped Lucky Green, 5. Yvon Durelle kayoed Gunther Baslzer, 8.
Jerry Luedee whipped Angelo DeFendis, 8.
Charles Colin retained French title by stopping Serge Leveque, 15. Tommy DuPreez stopped Pedro Klyssen, 9.
Charley Beaton annexed vacant New Zealand title by outpointing Boy Stevens, 15. Luiz Ignacio kayoed Juan Burgues, 6.
Donnie Fleeman kayoed Buddy Crosser, 3. Jose Manzur outpointed Adolfo Cruz, 10. Rocco Mazzola decisioned Cesare Bagnoli, 6, and Bernard Belli, 8. Harry Ball kayoed Augie Turiano, 1. Gunter Huber stopped Otello Panunzi, 5.
Massimo Zanaboni demolished Herbert Waniek, 2, but had tougher time edging out Bobby Warmbrunn, 6. Kid Sixto defeated Joe Louis III, 6. Sonny Ray stopped Jesse Bowdry, 2. Eloy Vann kayoed Carlos Martinez, 4, but was kayoed by heavy George Peyton, 7. George Kartalian whipped Rudy Williams, 6.
Freddy Mack beat Floyd McCoy, 6, and stopped Dennis McCann, 5. Billy Ryan and Ace McClusky drew, 10. Albert Finch demolished by heavyweight Manuel Burgo, 2.
Clyde Watson kayoed Monroe Ratliff, 2, but was stopped by Charlie Black, 4. Ronnie Washensky halted Joe LaQuarta, 5. Young Beau Jack kayoed Willie Perry, 3. Matt Jackson and Norris Burse drew, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Ellsworth (Spider) Webb outfought Charley Joseph, 10.
Rory Calhoun outpunched Germinal Ballerin, 10.
Bobby Boyd again edged out Willie Vaughn, 10.
Joey Giambra stopped Jimmy Welch, 6. South American champion Andres Selpa kayoed Antonio Cueveas, 2.
Franz Szuzina stopped Jimmy Palazzola, 10. Antonio Diaz won over Aurelio Diaz, 10. Alfonso Flores won the Mexican title by outpointing Jorge Castro, 12.
Tito Yanni kayoed Alberto Benassi, 5. British Empire champion Pat McAteer halted Leen Jannsen, 8. Sherman Williams defeated Art Glass, 8. Italo Scorticnini scored surprising one-round knockout over Louis Trochon, 1. Bobby Gordon won from Johnny Morris, 8. Graham Lamont thrashed Henri Entringer, 12.
Chico Vejar outscored Jay Anderson, 10. Jerry Fraser beat Gordie McDougall, 10, Gordie kayoed Doug Odo, 8, and Jerry was stopped by Yvon Turenne, 3. Yvon drew with Bobby Gomez, 8. Rocky Caballero and Billy McDonnell drew, 12.
Burke Emery defeated Gene Hamilton, 10. Karl-Heinz Guder kayoed Joe Walcott, 3. Don Horner won over Andy Mayfield, 8. Fernando Spallotta defeated Andres Gonzalez, 10. Mickey Brown won from Mel Barker, 10. Vinicio Ballerini flattened Carlo Mola, 3.
Tommy Fields bested Johnny Lombardo, 6. George Knowles scored over Sugar Boy Nando, 10. Bob Berdahl beat Johnny Sylvia, 8, then stopped him in 2. Babe McCarron defeated Drew Cook, 10. Eddie Thompson beat Calvin Davis, 8.
Dick Hall bested Julie Jamison, 8, and Cobey McCluskey, 10. Salvatore Boi drew with Dante Madella, 8. Don Trainor beat Billy Mays, 10. Ubaldo Sacco edged out Miguel Rodriguez, 10. Tommy

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BAKER COOKS ORTEGA'S GOOSE

Larry Baker snapped on his way to work at the Veteran's Hospital in New York City, where he is an assistant nurse. Baker is good with his hands outside as well as inside the ring.

By

FRED EISENSTADT

WHEN Opportunity Knocks, and one grasps it, he usually succeeds in reaching his goal. The possession of talent is of major importance in boxing, but unless the owner gets the chance to show his wares where it means most, success is difficult for him to attain

All of which leads to the case of Larry Baker, Mount Vernon, New York welterweight who has made the grade.

From the time Larry turned pro, he'd been considered a so-so fighter—merely a coffee-and-cake mitt-tosser. He won only six of his ten pro fights in 1952, two of the other four, were even-steven affairs.

The following year he lost five of ten contests. Of four bouts in 1954, he lost three.

In 1955 Larry perked up some and won all his six battles. He was boxing better and hitting harder.

He had two contests in 1956. On February 24, in Madison Square Garden, Baker scored a one-round knockout over Buddy Jackson and on March 26, at the St. Nicholas Arena, he stowed away hard-punching welterweight Pat Lowry in eight heats. Two weeks later this same Pat Lowry took a decision over Baker's stablemate, middleweight Yama Bahama.

"Although Larry took part in one more bout before meeting Gaspar Ortega at the Miami Beach Auditorium on June 3, 1957," said Bob Melnick, his manager, *"Baker had been ring rusty from inactivity. You wouldn't call knocking out Ray Perez in one round in Juarez, on April 1, this year, ring action, would you? Fact is, Larry had not had a real fight in twelve months. Ortega, on the other hand,"* continued Bob, *"had eleven bouts in 1955, eight in 1956, and three this year and was sharp and ready. Ortega, as you know, holds victories over former 147-pound king Tony DeMarco and top welterweight challenger Isaac Logart."*

With their protege at the time in line for a shot at Carmen Basilio's title, Ortega's brain trust began to scout around for an "opponent" on whom the Indian could sharpen up for a bout with the champ. Larry Baker was selected as the sacrificial goat—but he turned out to be a wildcat. The 26-year-old New Yorker was primed for action. He worked as a nurse's assistant at the Veteran Administration Hospital during the day and did his training at night at Bobby Gleason's gym. He trained diligently and it paid off.

Florida fight fans and TViewers alike experienced a thrilling surprise when they saw Baker's cool, skillful ringwork, smart boxing enable Baker to beat Gaspar to the

Larry Baker, Considered In Early Career As Just Another Fighter, Has In Recent Months Been Acclaimed And Rated As One of The World's Better Welterweights.

Left: Baker with his son Larry Jr. taken in 1953. The lad is now six years old. Above: Baker's Mother, Martha and his foster father, Ernest Board. Right above: Larry's pretty wife, the former Beatrice Powell, who unlike most women is proud to have her age known . . . she's twenty-five.

punch time and again. They watched the underdog toss left hooks and counter-punch the speedy and agile Indian. No matter what Ortega did, Larry did it a little better. It was a sensational fight with Baker clearly outpunching Ortega.

The crowd howled with delight. The fans cheered the under-dog. Though Gaspar fought his usual courageous and aggressive battle, Larry managed to outscore him with stiff lefts and sharp rights.

Though the official vote was close, Baker unquestionably won the fight, gaining a place in "The Ring's" international ratings—a distinction respected throughout the fistic world. Now perhaps Larry will get some well-deserved money-matches.

Born Clarence LeRoy Baker, in Indianapolis, Ind., on February 2, 1931, he is the second child of three boys and two girls.

"My mother, brothers and sisters moved to New York in 1941," relates Larry, who is 5-feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds.

"Mother went to work in a shoe factory where she's still employed, and my grandmother, Elizabeth Harvey, who recently passed away, took good care of us children and the house. We all had a high school education. Mother saw to that."

At 16, Larry worked after school, delivering laundry. A year later he quit to take a job as stock clerk in the Garment Center, remaining there for five years.

In 1946 Baker joined the National Guard—14th Infantry Regiment. A year later he returned to his hometown for a two-weeks vacation which stretched to eleven months. He stayed at Aunt Doddie's home and attended Crispus Auttacks High School.

"I saw my father only a few times," the bright young man put in cryptically. "My older brother, Lee, and younger brother Leroy—whom we called Duck—also were at Aunt Doddie's and the three of us had grand times, going places, flirting a little and so on."

Here is how Larry Baker happened to become a fighter—Duck, who had a few amateur bouts but eventually lost interest in boxing, accused Larry of picking on him. *"Look, I'm younger and smaller than you are,"* complained Duck. *"If you like fighting so much, why not go in the ring with me."*

Larry promptly accepted the defi. He went into training. And after two weeks, he entered a Golden Gloves boxing tournament and had his first amateur fight.

"Yes, I lost," said Baker, grinning.

He returned to New York in 1948 and forgot about boxing. Instead he went back to High School and also resumed working in the Garment Center. At that time Mrs. Martha Baker and her brood were living in a tough section of East Bronx, where gang fights were part of every-day life for young boys. For about a year Larry stayed clear of participation in rumbles with toughs, where clubs and other weapons were employed in street warfare.

"But circumstances forced me into joining my hoodlum friends in these brawls," said Larry. *"It was either fight to defend yourself or get your brains knocked out. I frankly admit having become almost as bad as any delinquent you read about today."* The reformed young man wagged his head ashamedly. *"I sure gave my poor mother three years of worry and heartache, especially when she learned that I'd become president of my neighborhood gang, the Tiny Tots, and some time later head of the Mutineers. I'm proud to say that I never hurt anyone real bad, though, and never got into any serious trouble. Guess I was just plain lucky."*

Then Larry added: *"In many ways this gang business did me lots of good. It made me see the disadvantage of being a hoodlum and the delights of living respectably and of becoming a good citizen. Gang fighting made me see the difference between maintaining a shamefully vicious character and developing a fine personality. I saw the light.*

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PROFILE

All About RADEMACHER

Nat Fleischer, Who Met Pete At The Olympics, Does A Sketch On Former Army Fighter

STRANGE things are happening! Like the world at large, boxing is topsy turvy.

Glancing over the sports pages, listening to radio and television commentators and reading the mail that floods "The Ring" magazine office daily, one must be convinced that Peter Rademacher, amateur Olympic champion who met Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight professional title, became the most talked-of person in the sport. No matter how one regarded the Seattle encounter between Peter and Floyd, it was the chief topic of conversation in taverns and barbershops for weeks.

Strange that an amateur boxer should get the headlines while the champion plays second fiddle to him!

Yet such was the case while Floyd was preparing for his fight with Hurricane Jackson. In fact, it was the publicity Rademacher received, that killed the goose for Emil Lence in the first independent promotion of a world heavyweight championship bout.

The reams of copy that filled the pages of the American press about the amateur who had the audacity, in the opinion of all except his family, friends and the Washington State Boxing Commission, to challenge Patterson, took the edge off the Polo Grounds promotion and killed the gate.

Who is Peter Rademacher? What is his background? How come that an amateur was permitted in his first professional bout to be pitted against the world champion?

These and many other queries were asked in letters, in telephone messages and by sports columnists who couldn't fathom the reasoning of the Washington State Athletic Commission is sanctioning the affair.

GOLDEN GLOVER WITH GOOD AMATEUR RECORD

Rademacher, a Golden Gloves protege who had the temerity to challenge the professional champion besides paying Floyd for the chance at the crown, is a balding, 29 years old former four star athlete of Washington State University who in the last Olympic Games at Melbourne, carried off the heavyweight crown.

Pete is 6 feet 1½ inches tall, scales 211 pounds, is a broad-shouldered former first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, was coach of the 1955 Army boxing team and coach of the Third Army Corps during the recent All-service championships at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He is a native of Grandview, Washington, started amateur boxing ten years ago and learned how to box at an early age. His dad, who fought as a pro under the name of Johnny Ray, taught Peter as a boy.

During the Melbourne Olympic Games which I attended as a representative of the Australian Consolidated Press, I had occasion to be with Peter more than had any other newspaperman. Though I'm fond of him. I didn't think too much of his boxing qualifications despite his three knockouts in a row to win the Olympic title. He looked exceedingly good in his amateur role when he stopped Lev Moukhine, the big, bulky Russian in the opening round of the Olympic final after dropping Lev three times. But analyzing his performance from a professional standpoint, he showed many weaknesses.

His punches, though sufficiently powerful to enable him to win three bouts, each by knockouts, were telegraphed, something a top pro seldom does. His defense in all of his Olympic bouts was weak as was evidenced by the knockdowns he suffered.

But he got his job done, gave to the Stars and Stripes its greatest victory in the Australian games and that's what counted most so far as the Americans were concerned. He had no balance and was crude in his delivery. He displayed un unprotected target against skill.

DISPLAYED MANY FLAWS IN OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT

Those of us at Melbourne who have been reporting pro boxing for many years took quick notice of Rademacher's flaws. That he possesses a wallop was evident from his triumphs but he cannot toss his punches with accuracy unless he gets set and a clever boxer has a safe target in front of him. He's an unstylish battler of the mauler school. He's an amiable man, friendly, intelligent and courageous but in taking on the world heavyweight champion in his first pro contest, he was at least foolhardy.

In his bout with Jon Josef Nemec of Czechoslavakia, Rademacher faced a giant who trembled in his corner. He was scared stiff before the bout got under way after he was told of the knockouts Peter had scored in America. Jon was dropped with a hook to the chin. Then he was clobbered with rights until the referee stopped the one sided affair.

In his next contest, the semi-final, Peter was decked by huge Dan Bekker, South African champion, in the first round with a beautiful left to the jaw as the American was coming forward.

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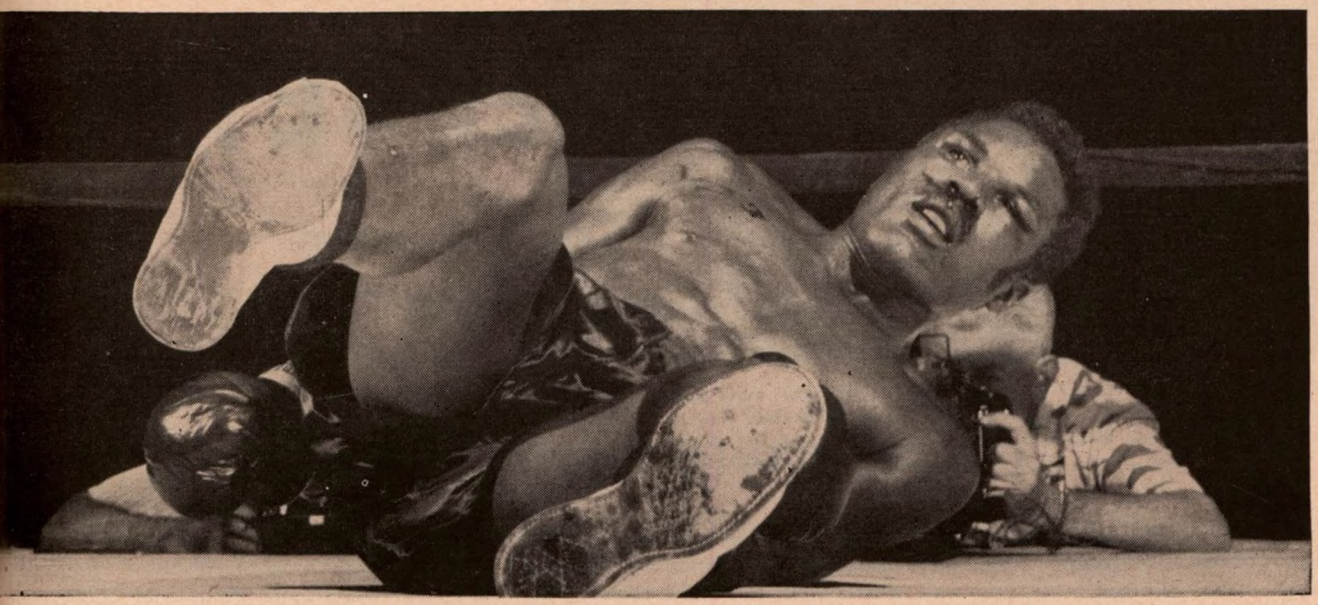
Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson resting . . . but not in his corner. This was as close as Jackson got to taking a rest during his ill fated bout with Floyd Patterson. Between rounds instead of sitting in his corner he stood up and jigged. Some were critical of such procedure but the rules bear out that Jackson could sit or stand during his one minute rest period.



NO REST FOR "HURRICANE"

WHEN, in his ill fated venture against Floyd Patterson, Hurricane Jackson refused to take full advantage of the minute rests between rounds, most of the spectators believed that he was violating the rules. He refused to sit down.

After the fight, it was suggested to Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission, that he issue a directive, perhaps adopt an official rule, forcing boxers to sit down in their corners between rounds.

Examination of the rules revealed that they said nothing about a one minute rest between rounds.

All that the code called for was a one minute's intermission. The rule affects the time, not, in a direct and stipulated way, the fighters.

And so it was determined that if Jackson preferred to be on his feet between rounds, disdaining the opportunity to get what he needed so badly, physical relief after three minutes of pain, it was entirely up to him.

If any heavyweight challenger ever was in dire need of those 60 second rests, it was the horribly massacred Jackson. But, then, he never has been charged with undue mentality.

It is conceivable that Jackson adopted the best procedure for himself. Loaded with nervous tensions, he may have been benefitted more by his dancing about during the intermissions than he would have been by sitting in his corner.

Jackson certainly was not the first fighter to prefer being on his feet between rounds.

Another disciple of the school of standing up was Cecil Hudson, a middleweight of the late '30's and early '40s.

Hudson not only refused to sit down, but he did not permit his seconds to bring a stool into his corner.

Cecil pointed out that the rules did not force him to squat or to have the stool in the ring.

However, in time Boxing Commissions insisted that he have a stool available. He continued to refuse to use it.

And so it is established that there is nothing in the rules about sitting down and resting, and that Jackson was well within his rights.

Now and then a fighter who ordinarily would sit down prefers to stand up. He feels that if he sits he will not have enough to get up to answer the bell.

Bill Brown, when a member of the New York State Athletic Commission, after attending a contest in which Chalky Wright stood in his corner, spoke to reporters and refused to have his handlers take care of him between rounds, ordered Chalky to be seated. The champion laughingly replied that he wasn't tired and felt more relaxed standing. Whereupon Brown, a stern disciplinarian, ordered Chalky to appear at the Commission meeting where he upbraided him. Brown at the session, remarked:

"When you fight in this State you'll take your minute's rest. Our rules must be obeyed."

Whereupon D. Walker Wear, a member of the Athletic Board from upper New York chirped in:

"But Commissioner, there's nothing in our rules that say he must be seated."

Brown, a physical culturist whose gymnasium in Garrison, New York, was patronized by some of the wealthiest men in New York, replied:

"If that rule doesn't mean that the boxer must rest between rounds, then I'll have a rule added making it compulsory for the men to be seated until the bell calls for the resumption of the fight".

General Phelan, the Chairman and other member of the Board sided with Wear, and Bill Brown's measure was sidetracked.

EXCLUSIVE

WHAT NOW LENCE?

Emil Lence Who Promoted The Floyd Patterson-"Hurricane" Jackson World Championship Contest Gives The Ring The Lowdown On His Future Plans

AS TOLD TO LESTER BROMBERG

PHOTOGRAPHERS, seeking "celebrity shots," brought Jim Norris of the IBC and new promoter Emil Lence together at the latter's heavyweight championship fight in the Polo Grounds this past midsummer, the first beyond IBC control in eight years.

Actually it was the first time that Lence, dress manufacturer, had been in the company of Norris, inheritor of one of America's greatest and most varied fortunes.

Both seemed a bit abashed by the conditions of this hurly-burly picture-posing while awaiting Floyd Patterson's match with Hurricane Jackson. And neither said anything to the other for a moment.

"C'mon," urged one of the photographers, "say something, liven it up."

Norris grinned. Lence took the cue more literally.

"Jim," he said. "It's too bad. I didn't want this. If I could have stayed at Eastern Parkway with a weekly show, I don't think I would be here tonight."

Norris replied: "It's water over the dam, why talk about it?"

A few minutes later they separated. The IBC chief sat down to be a spectator. The new promoter lost himself in the innumerable details of an outdoor promotion.

Weeks later Lence related this incident and enlarged on the reasons behind what he'd said.

"I just had to tell Norris," he reported. "I wanted him to know why I'd decided to promote that heavyweight title fight.

". . . I'd been well satisfied with the way things were going in the club I had in Brooklyn. We had a pretty good TV set-up, we had an event to put in the building every Monday night. It was our building, Eastern Parkway Arena. I had a great matchmaker, Teddy Brenner, and we had fights that were even-up contests, many of them upsets. And around the country people recognized us as The House of Upsets.

"At the start, we were on with Dumont on Monday nights. In our second year of this contract, we got another proposition—to run on Wednesday nights for ABC. This meant bigger money and a chance to get name fighters almost on a par with those being used by the IBC. For a while I thought we had it all set.

"But at the time the International Boxing Guild was very strong and then came their answer, 'Wednesday night belongs to the IBC.' In other words, the managers didn't want competition, even for their own benefit. We were cooked.

"Afterwards we did shift to ABC but on Monday night. And, within the same year, the IBC moved its Wednesday fights from CBS to ABC. Again we were cooked. At the end of that contract Eastern Parkway was off television and we closed down."

According to Lence, this experience altered his overall outlook.

"I saw the cold, hard facts. As a small-time promoter trying to mind my business, I was always going to be shoved aside. I wasn't mad at anybody. I'd just learned the law of the jungle—kill or get killed."

At the same time, he pointed out, you need weapons to be able to fight. And when Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, silver-plattered the Jackson match to him, the little guy was ready and willing to fight.

Lence is realistic enough to know now that he didn't take New York away from the IBC with his one promotion. The fight drew a modest near-$157,000, with $175,000 from TV-radio. It was only by virtue of D'Amato's gesture—waiving a $175,000 guarantee to accept 40 per cent, a shade under $120,000—that Emil extricated himself with a small profit.

"I have said it before and I'll say it again," he insisted. "I sincerely hope that the IBC is permitted to stay in business in New York by the courts. Any time that one promoter has a situation locked up, whether his name is Norris or Lence, it isn't healthy. The fighters, the boxing fans, they need promoters bidding against each other."

Lence drew a parallel between boxing and the dress business.

"We make dresses for junior misses, ages 7-15. We are in the so-called popular price field, up to $30 and $40 retail. We do an annual business of close to two million dollars. And we are just one of many similar firms.

"The fact that we're in there slugging it out with our competitors every working day keeps the market live. We send salesmen on the road, we hire designers, we service resident-buying firms. We are aiming to survive and we hesitate at no expense. Don't forget, we don't do this

for fun, we do this because it is necessary.

"OK. Now imagine a situation in which one firm had the entire junior-miss market to itself, any firm for example Lence Dresses, Inc., which we call our's. Would we be out hustling for business? Would we bother with designers? Would we chase after the resident buyers? I think it is fair to say that we wouldn't. We'd know that everybody would have to buy from us. We could throw anything at the trade —and that would be that."

He was frank to admit his role as a fight promoter has remunerative repercussions in the dress business. His name on sports pages and his picture therein offer public relations value which he says just couldn't be purchased in advertising space.

As proof, one of his associates told the story of an executive in an allied field, piece goods used for theatrical costumes and staging sets. This man who operates a $20 million dollar a year outfit obviously is a giant financially alongside of Lence Dresses, Inc. Yet the week before the Patterson-Jackson fight the piece goods tycoon inquired: "I've been reading so much about this Mr. Lence, do you think I could meet him sometime, maybe for lunch?"

Emil's awareness of this prestige is one of the major reasons why, he stated, **"I am back in boxing to stay."** He had been miffed by articles which referred to him as "one-shot promoter," "wildcat promoter," "fly-by-night promoter," etc. "It's a two-way deal," he insisted. "Boxing can do something for me and I can do something for boxing."

What can he do for boxing?

"Well, let's face facts. Running an outdoor championship once a year isn't going to help much. It only provides work for maybe a dozen fighters on one night. If that's all I had to look forward to, I doubt if I would have run the Jackson fight. From a selfish interest, that's a poor deal, too. A postponement, which we almost had, could have knocked me out of the box.

"No, I am interested in something more. I want to stage a weekly TV show which will mean 52 nights' work a year for main eventers and prelim fighters. I want to also run non-TV shows to bring out newer fighters who will graduate to the TV class."

By this means, Lence hopes to put red corpuscles back into the blood stream of the fight game which has been bled white and weak by its failure to uncover fresh talent.

He is opposed, he said, to the IBC practice of leveling off pay for main eventers with a flat TV minimum (often a maximum) of $4000.

"A fighter is entitled to what he contributes to a match. What I mean is that, if he's to be paid 25 per cent of the gate, he should be paid a corresponding figure of the TV money. I believe that there should be no TV flat. Let all the dough received, from TV and gate, be tossed into a pot from which the fighters would be paid on percentage."

Promoter Emil Lence (left) meets James D. Norris, head of the International Boxing Club, at the Polo Grounds on night of Patterson-Jackson heavyweight title tilt. Said Lence: *"Jim it's too bad. I didn't want this. If I could have stayed at Eastern Parkway with a weekly show, I don't think I would be here tonight".*

It is his observation that the fixed fee frequently results in overpayment to colorless fighters and also tends to discourage the managers of fighters from exploiting their men in a publicity sense.

It is his intention to bankroll non-TV clubs, with the profits from his planned weekly TV operation.

"Years ago," he reminded, "the neighborhood clubs could bring out new fighters and make money doing it. . . . no TV, the fighters were local and had their followings."

He added: "In most cases you can't do that any more. In trying to get the boys' rooters out of their homes, you have to buck free TV entertainment at home, whether it's boxing or anything else. Yet the job has to be done. We need new fighters more than ever because TV is burning up the old ones. . . . there's only one way of getting the essential job done, to subsidize these talent-developing clubs."

As indicated by Lence, he is back in business thanks to D'Amato. And he had knowledge of it the very night Patterson became champion by knocking out Archie Moore at Chicago in an IBC fight to fill the vacancy left by Rocky Marciano's retirement.

"Cus was celebrating Floyd's winning at the racetrack there where Floyd had trained," Emil recalled. "Cus said to me, 'Emil, you know I've had some trouble getting along with the IBC, you might promote Floyd's first defense.' Honestly, I took it as his way of thanking me for having given Patterson fights at Eastern Parkway when he was starting, I didn't take it too seriously.

"Later, when his trouble with Jim Norris got into the bitter stage—and I stayed out of it, in fact I told him several times that he ought to patch up things with the IBC—he came to me again. By then, I couldn't say no for the simple reason that, if I didn't promote for D'Amato, somebody else other than the IBC would have done it."

In the past certainly, first call on the heavyweight champion has been a necessity to bossing boxing.

Tex Rickard stayed up there through the early and middle twenties because he had Jack Dempsey. In the next generation Madison Square Garden stayed on top because it had control of Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Primo Carnera, Max Baer, et al.

When Jim Braddock upset Baer and switched to Mike Jacobs for the fight with Joe Louis, a new cycle was commenced. This one lasted as long as Louis reigned.

But Joe's retirement was the focal point of a new deal in which Norris took Louis into his organization and locked up all the potential successors. Jim kept the title under his wing through Ezzard Charles, Jersey Joe Walcott and Marciano. Temporarily he had control with Patterson.

But D'Amato's open break with the IBC spun the wheel again—and this time it stopped before Lence.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Pig Fells Macias in surprise bout Dempsey's plan to be given Trial Retirement of Jackson is Urged.

IT isn't too often that a fighter, especially one who is known as a champion, takes the count. But such was the case recently when Raul (Raton) Macias, recognized by the National Boxing Association as its world bantamweight king, was laid low by a wild pig. Macias suffered a deep and long wound on the inside of his left thigh in addition to teeth bites on the same leg when the animal, presented to him on a ranch by a friend, who in the Mexican's honor named the pig, "Raton," suddenly went berserk.

He knocked Macias to the ground and went at him far more combatatively than any of Raton's opponents in recent bouts were in their attacks. The Mexican fainted and had to be hospitalized. He was operated upon and is now on the road to complete recovery.

Macias, since accepting the honors the NBA bestowed upon him, has been in several mishaps. In his bout with Billy Peacock he had his jaw broken. Since Raul is America's outstanding bantam and is in line for a world title bout with Halimi, it is hoped that Raton's latest mishap won't affect his fighting qualities since if physically fit, he rates a better all-around ringman than the champion and should bring the crown to Mexico if he receives the opportunity to fight for the crown, such a bout he has definitely earned.

DEMPSEY HAS REMEDY FOR BOXING'S ILLS

When Jack Dempsey at a cocktail party in San Francisco discussed the ills of boxing, he declared that despite the effects of TV on all sports, boxing could make a definite comeback if the small clubs that in the past were incubators, could be placed back into action.

"Open up the small clubs. Limit fights to four rounders instead of eight and ten we get today, and pass state legislation giving those who invest their money in promotion of boxing shows, some control, with commission supervision, over those developed in their respective clubs. Youngsters who you see fighting in ten rounders today should be back in the gymnasium and in the small clubs learning their trade in four and six round bouts."

"They must learn the hard way. Too many, after a few contests, are tossed into TV shows with the result that the public watching these fights, gets a very wrong impression of boxing at its best. With the gymnasiums and small clubs practically out of business, the boys who have ability cannot afford to remain idle while others more fortunate in their connections, get the big gravy and therefore turn to other vocations. If he's cut out for boxing, the lad will stick to the game and make good. If not he'll quit and go to some other type of work."

Well spoken words, but apparently Dempsey hasn't studied the IBC Anti-Trust case or he would see that supervision which the Norris organization held over those who were climbing to the top or had already done so, whether through the efforts of the IBC in developing such talent or through contracts after the boxer already had been developed by others, had brought about the distintegration edict against the Norris monopoly.

The late Max Waxman, manager of the Manassa Mauler, who did the booking for Eddie Quinn's club in Montreal, and had his own organization in Baltimore was preparing to give Jack's plan a tryout when the Grim Reaper interceded. It was Max's intention to put on several shows with ten four round contests. Whether his successor will do it, remains to be seen.

COLLEGE BOXING SOON WILL BECOME NON-EXISTANT

College boxing is disappearing from the sports activities of our leading institutions. Prior to 1950, sixteen of our top colleges engaged in tournaments, but today the competition is so limited, one scarcely hears college boxing mentioned.

The latest to toss up the sponge is Michigan State University which boasts some of the finest talent developed in the United States. Among the men who made their boxing

Jack Dempsey who urges four round bouts for development of new talent

mark at Michigan State were Chuck Davey and Chuck Spieser.

The Athletic Council delivered a knockout blow to the sport when it decided to replace boxing with soccer in inter-collegiate competition. The action leaves Wisconsin University as the only Big Ten college now sponsoring boxing.

There is no telling but what in the near future, if a few of the football stalwarts are carried off the field following a hot scrimmage, the college profs who are in charge of physical education may petition the Athletic Council to abolish the gridiron sport in favor of tiddle-winks. It is a far safer "sport" than football or boxing.

Here's a suggestion to President Eisenhower's Committee on Physical Fitness—carry your plans into the colleges and convince the stout-hearted directors of physical education that our nation, more so now than ever, needs fighting young men—the kind that are found on the football field and in the boxing ring. More and more the trend seems to be towards the development of mollycoddles.

HOW ABOUT TV SPOILS FOR ALL BOXERS?

California has gotten on the band wagon in-re the levying of a five percent tax on Television and Radio for all bouts and wrestling shows. Governor Knight, acting on the advice of the boxing commission, signed the bill to help defray the commission's expenses. It seems strange that when a boxing commission seeks financial aid, its members go all out fighting for the cause. Yet no commission members have gone to the mat for the boxers to see that they obtain their proper share of moneys collected from television and radio.

Since TV definitely has brought the paid attendances for boxing down to a new low even in the major organizations, it seems only fair that the boxers be recompensed properly by obtaining, where a contract calls for a percentage of the gate, the same percentage on all income, from TV, radio and movie rights, as is now done in all championships bouts except where a special agreement, such as Robinson and Fullmer recently made, exists.

Assemblyman Ralph M. Brown of Modesto, whose bill in California was signed by Governor Knight, should now go a step further and start the ball rolling for legislation on behalf of the boxers, a bill to give to all fighters working on a percentage in boxing or wrestling, the same percentage on TV and radio sponsorship payments. That is due to the lads who furnish the entertainment—not only the main eventers, but all who work on a percentage of the gate. That's the next step for the betterment of boxing. If one state passes such legislation, all others would eventually have to follow.

BOXING CAN'T BENEFIT BY HURRICANE'S DECISION

When Hurricane Tommy Jackson left the Meadowbrook Hospital after signing his own release against the advice of his medical advisors, he stated: "I know I took a bad beating from Patterson, but I have no intention of quitting the ring." Speaking of his kidney ailment, he said: "Sure it hurts. It hurts bad, but not real bad. I can fight and win and I'm goin' rest awhile then train."

Apparently the poor fellow who took a savage shellacking from the world heavyweight king, doesn't know enough to hang up his gloves while he still is capable of walking with his head up. As a colorful performer, a crowd pleaser because of his eccentricity, the fans came out to see him not because they were assured of a great ring battle when he fought but found extreme pleasure in watching this fantastic character go through his unorthodox ring actions.

N.B.A. bantam champion, Raton Macias, knocked out by wild pig, rests on hospital cot in Mexico City.

Tommy has had several good pay days. His mother is his guardian. She has watched him closely, has handled his affairs more so than has his manager, Lippy Breitbart, and since the earnings of the fighter have been well taken care of by his ma, she should protect her son's interests by seeing that he quits. The game won't benefit by his continuance in boxing.

HINDMAN'S REPLACEMENT AROUSES BOXING FANS' IRE

When one wonders why boxing is at so low a level so far as decisions are concerned, all he has to do is to study the list of boxing commissions, judges and referees throughout the country and take a count of the number of "competent hands" who supervise our boxing. A good example is furnished in the ousting of the veteran Archie Hindman, for seventeen years chairman of the Indiana State Commission, by Governor Handley who appointed in his place, a baseball umpire, Harry Geisel, with the announcement, "Geisel is a good friend of mine and he wanted the job."

Governor Handley apologized to Hindman when he retired him. He praised his work, thanked him for his years of efficient attention to the job and for his efforts and enthusiasm in carrying out the supervision of boxing in Indiana, but was sorry that Archie had to make way for a "friend".

Geisel has had some experience with boxing and wrestling, but not a small fraction of what Hindman has had as a promoter during Jack Dempsey's exhibition days and during his long and honorable services as a boxing commissioner and as president of the National Boxing Association. Geisel is best known as a baseball umpire.

It is such acts as the above that makes boxing the football of sports. Public faith is lost when the only reason for displacing a competent official, is because "the governor has a friend who wants the job."

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PROMOTING IS RISKY BUSINESS

By JOHNNY SALAK

YOU'VE got to spend a million bucks to put on a million dollar fight and the margin of profit, if any, is based on too many ifs, ands and buts to make life a pleasant stroll down to a ringside seat.

In our quest for information on the take-home pay of a big-time fight promoter this discouraging news came to light. After investing a hog-sized bankroll in such a production a promoter still must have luck riding with him all the way to make a big killing and more often than not he will breathe more easily when all the bills have been paid and he has broken even.

The Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio world middleweight title bout at Yankee Stadium, New York, on September 23 is one of the biggest and most appealing fights in years. Between the actual receipts and revenue from theatre-TV the fight featuring two world champions should go over the million dollar mark.

What does the promoter hope to clear on this? He only shakes his head and says *"See me after the fight. But I'll tell you one thing now. Whatever it is, if anything, it will be much less than most people suppose."*

And he had figures to prove his point. A whole mess of fistic, financial and fiscal reports and statements on the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore fight at the Yankee Stadium in 1955.

"That was the last big fight," he said. *"Between the ticket sales, the radio rights and the theatre-TV revenue the fight did better than one and a quarter million dollars. We cleared about* $97,000. *But remember, we had everything going for us and we got all the breaks. There was a one day postponement but it helped us and the weather was right, theatre-TV, still pretty much in the experimental stages, did a fantastic gross in the movie houses and drive-ins throughout the country, Rocky Marciano was always a splendid drawing attraction and Archie Moore did an incredible job of selling himself. Everything was ideal and yet one bad break along the way and that hundred grand profit could have been wiped out."*

There are two things which will stun a promoter into icy silence. One is talk by a fighter of a guarantee. The other is talk by the weatherman of the threat of rain on the night of a fight. Not rain. Just the threat of it. If it rains and the fight is postponed you've got a fighting chance. But if it just looks as if it might get uncomfortable, hordes of potential ticket buyers won't venture out.

ROBINSON-BASILIO GET 65%

For the middleweight title bout, Robinson is getting 45%, Basilio 20%, a combined total higher than that usually allowed. But it is safer than a guarantee. By way of example, Floyd Patterson, defending his title against Tommy Jackson for Emil Lence, had a guarantee of $175,000. It broke the back of the promotion and sent it into the losing side of the ledger. Cus D'Amato, Floyd's manager, benevolently kicked back $50,000 which, despite reports of making a $20,000 profit for Lence, probably saw him break even. Again, Patterson had a guarantee of $250,000 against Pete Rademacher in Seattle, Wash. It is doubtful that, under the conditions, the promotion could make a profit.

The public is familiar with the set of figures usually released to the newspapers after a big fight, which give the gross receipts, federal tax, net receipts, the share received by each fighter, the rental of the arena and what, ostensibly, is the promoter's profit.

But there are scores of expenses involved that never see

their way into print, some of which seem astonishingly high and yet are very real.

Taking the Marciano-Moore fight, the gross receipts from ticket sales came to $947,927.95. Federal tax immediately lopped off $83,298.09, which left net receipts at $864,629.86.

Add to that the radio broadcasting rights which brought in $35,000, theatre-TV swelling the receipts by $282,461.75 and service fees bringing in $9,608.66. The total income became $1,191,700.27.

Now we come to direct expenses! New York State receipts tax came to $59,732.60 and New York City receipts tax $2,979.25. Compensation for boxers saw the two main event fighters take a total of $672,373.22 and the preliminaries costing $11,150, with travel and training allowance eating up $511.90. There is usually another expense for stand-by boxers which comes to about $1,000. In this case it was unnecessary and there was no cost involved.

Next comes the payment by the promoters to the ring officials, referees, judges, deputies, etc., etc., etc. It totalled $1,612.

The special force personnel needed at Yankee Stadium

See all those chairs? They were erected for a recent outdoor fight at the Yankee Stadium in New York. The cost was $1 per chair. Count them . . . just another small expense.

that night, ushers, ticket sellers and takers, policing, etc., cost $13,159.40.

For preparation and cleaning up of the ballpark after the fight the figure came to an astonishingly $51,200.01. Depreciation on the outdoor ring used was $1,732.85.

Rental of the Stadium took a huge bite of $85,416.74. For the erection of the theatre-TV stand, where the cameras were mounted, a bill for $527.88 came in. The commentator cost $500.

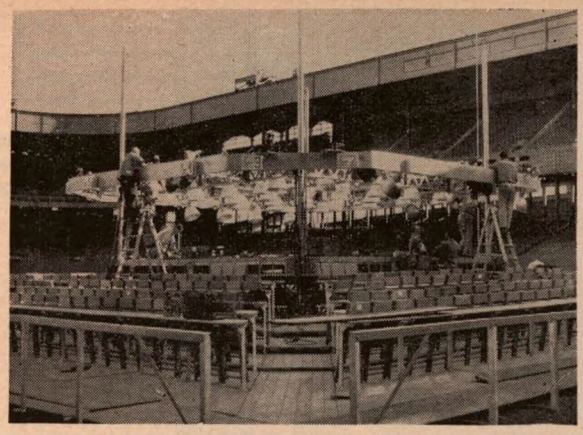
Publicity and advertising is a major item in any big fight and for this one the amount of $59,861.68 was disbursed.

Printing of the tickets ran to $6,330.38. The boxing license and bond cost $275. Payroll taxes came to $8.06. Boxers' insurance was an even $80, while compensation insurance totalled $29.02. Along the same line, outdoor ring and equipment insurance was $192.50 and public liability insurance ran the promoter a check for $4,750. Travel expense for the management cost $5,356.67.

A color film of the fight cost $754.99 and general expenses were listed as $10,960.16. The boxing department salaries and expenses of the I. B. C. took $7,500.

The participation co-promoter of the fight, the Chicago Stadium Corporation came in for $97,352.98.

Totalling all the above items, we find that the direct expense involved in promoting the fight came to $1,094,347.29, with the direct profit a modest $97,352.98, less



Here we see electricians putting the finishing touches to the ring lights. Cost of erecting the ring and working press, seen in this photo, and then dismantling after the fight cost $5,199, a small part of a promoter's expense.

than a ten percent return on what can be a very risky investment.

Breaking down some of the more interesting expenses listed above, we find that for photos and cartoons alone $1,873 was spent; for posters, cards, billposting, etc., a figure of $3,501 was laid out; rental of the chairs (at a dollar a throw) which were set up on the infield came to $3,347; to erect the ramp it cost $3,747; for the raised ringside lumber the bill was $9,082; erecting and dismantling the set-up came to $17,559; erecting and dismantling the ring and working press section cost $5,199. A bill for trucking alone was $1,472.

TAXES TAKES BIG BITE

Taxes, as with all of us, takes a major share of the money involved in a boxing promotion. For instance the Dempsey-Carpentier fight in 1921 drew the record breaking sum of $1,623,380, the first bout ever in the million dollar class. It was estimated that a million dollars of the promotion went to the federal government in taxes, and it is well to bear in mind that the internal revenue rates were much lower in those days.

Dempsey's purse was $300,000 and the tax on his share was estimated at $161,000. Carpentier received $200,000 and kicked back $93,000. Rickard's estimated taxes on profits from the promotion (it was a big money maker for him) were $250,000. Amusement tax on tickets took $150,000 and taxes from the railroad, contractor concessionaire, referee, preliminary boxers and others receiving remuneration in connection with the bout approximated $346,000.

It would be interesting to figure out the total tax collected from a bout such as the Robinson-Basilio affair.

The second Tunney-Dempsey fight paid off on an all-time record gross of $2,658,660. The net receipts were $2,151,134.57. Tunney's share was a fabulous $990,445 and Dempsey received a comfortable $425,000 from the fight, plus $25,000 from film rights. The federal tax on this fight was better than a quarter of a million dollars, $265,866, and the Illinois state tax totalled $241,659.43. The rental for Soldiers' Field, where the bout was held, was $100,000. Expenses listed by promoter Tex Rickard were $150,000 and his profit was an impressive $551,134.57.

Probably the biggest loss ever sustained by a promoter in connection with a fight came in the Gene Tunney-Tom Heeney heavyweight title fight at Yankee Stadium on July 26, 1928, Tunney's last fight before retiring. And it was the guarantee bugbear that busted the bout. The gross receipts for the fight came to $691,014.50, good

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One of the last photographs taken of former middleweight champion, shortly before his fatal illness.

By BILLY WILLIAMS

MIKE O'DOWD PASSES

St. Paul's "Fighting Harp", as he looked during his reign as world middleweight champion from 1917 to 1920.

ELEVEN months after the passing of the first one, the second of St. Paul's celebrated Mikes drifted along the road that knows no returning.

Mike O'Dowd, one-time (1917-1920) world middleweight champion, and contemporary of the illustrious Mike Gibbons, was 62 when the final count tolled over him at the Veterans' Hospital in St. Paul.

The rival Mikes, Gibbons and O'Dowd, flourished during a glorious era in St. Paul boxing history. At one stretch the smaller of Minnesota's Twin Cities boasted the finest array of exceptional ringmen any locality in these United States has ever known at one time. Along with the two Mikes, there were Gibbons' younger but heavier brother, Tom; light-heavyweight Billy Miske, welterweight Jock Malone, featherweight Billy DeFoe, and bantamweight Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle.

O'Dowd may not be listed among the all-time greats of the ring, but the "Fighting Harp," as he was dubbed, earned several distinctions during his active career. For one, he was the ONLY world champion to enlist in the armed forces in World War I and serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe.

An odd feature of Mike's championship reign was that he won the middleweight title from one southpaw (Al McCoy) and lost it to another (Johnny Wilson). Later Harry Greb came along to duplicate O'Dowd's unusual record. Greb relieved Wilson of the laurels and passed them along to Tiger Flowers.

O'Dowd never was the shifty boxer that St. Paul seemed to specialize in developing in those days. Mike was more of the rugged, aggressive, slugging type. While not an authentic knockerout, he was a punishing puncher, and particularly effective in infighting. Most of his knockouts were scored by wearing down his opponents with steady pounding.

O'Dowd's career began in 1913 and ended in 1924. Boxing was not legalized in Minnesota when Mike started operations, and much of his early experience was gained at Mike Collins' club in Hudson, Wis., 18 miles east of St. Paul. It was there that O'Dowd, reaching main-event

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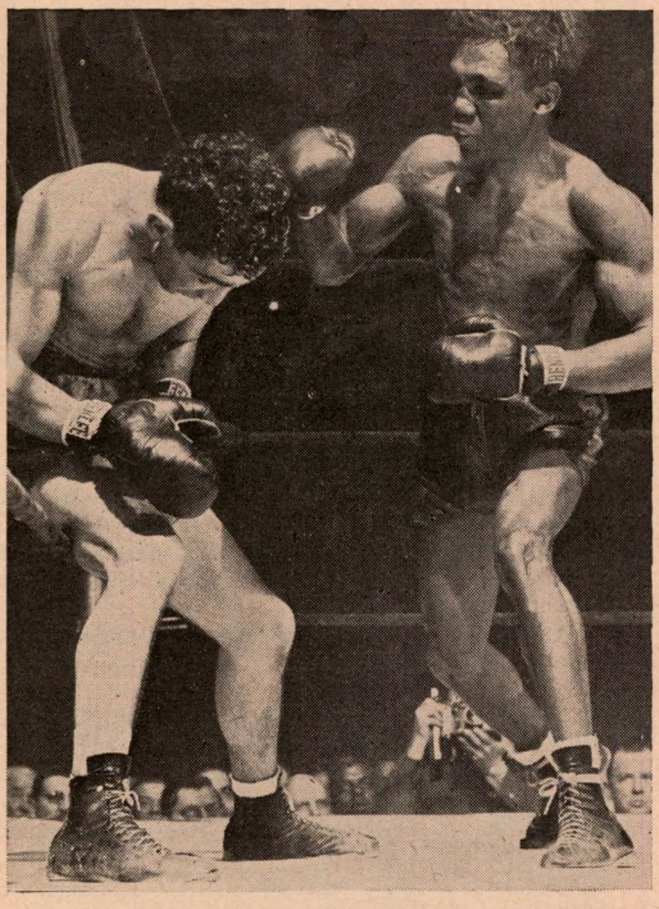
Chalky Wright as he looked when he began remarkable rise from sparmate's role to world featherweight championship.

Tragic Ending of Chalky Wright, A Sparmate Who Became Champion

By JOE SMITH



Although he lost, Wright gave Willie Pep some unpleasant moments (this is one of them) in their return title match in Madison Square Garden in 1944.

A UNIQUE personality in the boxing business passed on recently when Albert (Chalky) Wright was found dead in the bathtub of his mother's home in Los Angeles.

Wright was already an aging veteran with a not too imposing record when he began his drive for the world featherweight championship. And he began it by acting as a sparring partner!

Early in 1938 Wright was knocked out by the then featherweight champion Henry Armstrong in three rounds in Los Angeles. A few months later Armstrong was matched with Barney Ross for the welterweight title at Madison Square Garden's Long Island Bowl. He brought Wright along with him, feeling that Chalky, with his shifty style, would make an ideal sparmate for him in tuning up for a clever boxer like Ross.

After the bout, which Armstrong won, Henry's manager, Eddie Mead, planned to send Wright back to California, but Mead's pal, Eddie Walker, was so impressed by Chalky's daily showings against Armstrong that he offered to manage him.

Wright, born in Durango, Mexico, had been fighting ten years, but was rated little more than ordinary in ability. Under Walker's hustling management, however, he suddenly blossomed into championship calibre. Perhaps all he actually needed was the proper encouragement—and he got it from Eddie. Climbing steadily upward, Chalky finally hit the peak in 1941 when he knocked out Joey Archibald in the 14th round in Washington and became recognized as world champion.

Unfortunately, success had come a bit late in life for Wright. He was then approaching the 30-year mark, and had been fighting since he was 17. Determined to cash in quickly, he was a busy champion. In 14 months he fought no less than 19 bouts, three of them in defense of his laurels. He knocked out Harry Jeffra in Baltimore and outpointed Lulu Constantino in New York, but was beaten by Willie Pep, also in New York.

Wright continued active and two years later earned a return title match with Pep in New York. Again he lost. Then followed a non-title affair with Pep in Cleveland and for the third time Chalky finished second.

Wright had a successful year in 1945. His only defeat in nine starts was to Willie Joyce, whom he whipped in a return bout. His other victories included decisions over Enrique Bolanos, Bobby Ruffin and Johnny Bratton. Chalky began to fade in 1946, however, and defeats outnumbered triumphs. The year ended on a dismal note when Pep, in their fourth meeting, stopped him in three rounds in Milwaukee. Wright was ready then to call it quits, but he

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TV AMPLIFIES DECISION "BEEFS"

By TED CARROLL

ALONG with its many other effects on Twentieth Century life, TV has amplified what used to be a rather limited form of public protest, the disagreement or "squawk" over a fight decision into an uproar of national dimensions.

Back in the days before the coaxial cable made everybody an armchair expert on things fistic, a relatively tiny minority of actual observers were the only ones really qualified to voice any dissent with the decisions of the boxing arbiters. Those days are gone forever, now able, by virtue of the modern miracle of electronics, to view what is going on in the ring as it takes place, the numberless audience supplied by TV now feels itself fully privileged to take issue with the official verdicts. How seriously it takes its own opinion is reflected in the torrent of communications which cascade into the Ring office after just about every fight which doesn't end in a knockout or isn't completely one-sided.

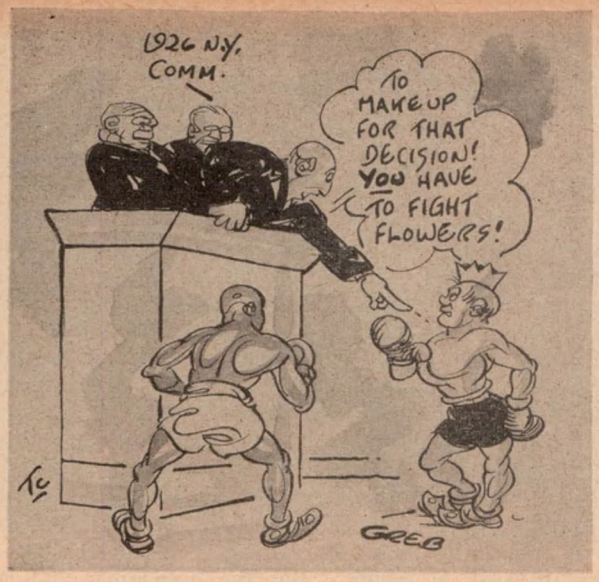
Although professional oldtimers quick to criticize anything contemporary, have taken to calling disputed calls "*TV decisions*", the "*squawk*" or "*beef*" over a disputed verdict goes back to bareknuckle times and like the biblical poor is a cinch to be with us always. The big difference comes in the greatly magnified number of eyewitnesses conjured up by TV who now consider themselves judges and do not hesitate to make their disagreement known by mail, phone or wire.

Many of them in their messages to the Ring, by some lop-sided logic, strive to place the blame for what they deem poor decisions in these quarters, and heatedly demand that Editor Fleischer take some steps to rectify this blot upon modern civilization.

While The Ring has campaigned for years in favor of some sort of qualifying tests to insure more competent officials, political and other considerations often bypass capability and experience in the selection of ring referees and judges.

TV's fledgling fight fans are unaware as a rule that the close decision has been as much a part of boxing as the gloves and the ring, and not even the wisdom of a thousand Solomons or Einsteins could find the key to making everyone see a closely waged contest alike.

The root of decision difficulties stems from the wide



conflict in opinion as to just what a boxing bout really is. Is it a "*fight*" or a game of skill—a "*sport*"? The question has never been completely settled. For example two of our most eminent veteran press men, The New York Journal-American's Frank Graham and the New York Mirror's Dan Parker take typically opposing views on the subject.

According to Mr. Graham, a gentleman of extreme docility of manner, incidentally, a boxing bout is a "*fight*" and its primary purpose is to determine who is the better man in physical combat. Mr. Parker states, that if Boxing isn't supposed to be a game of skill, why the refinements of rest periods, referee, and other restraining rules. Why not just throw the two lads in there and let them have at each other until one drops. No, says Mr. Parker, in its highest form boxing is supposed to be a game of skill, and skill-barring a knockout—is the proper criterion for any official judgment as to the winner.

The recent ten round bout between the mustachioed French middleweight Germinal Ballarin and caveman slugger Rory Calhoun, in Syracuse, illustrates the wide gap between these two schools of thought. Although the officials declared unanimously for Frank Bachman's bullyboy from White Plains, N. Y., they were serenaded by a chorus of complaint from the crowd who apparently felt otherwise, when the decision was announced.

The powerful Calhoun had forced the issue and was clearly the stronger and the harder puncher, but his efforts had no more style than dockside stevedoring and at times he was made to look amateurish by the elusive Frenchman, who affecting the continental style of boxing which stresses defense, nullified much of the American's power with his tricky maneuverings. Calhoun was miles the stronger "*fighter*", but if boxing is actually a game of skill. there was no comparison between Rory and the ringwise Frenchman.

The clash between patrons of slugging and boxing even extends to the referees and judges. That is where much of the trouble lies. Many referees have had actual boxing experience, and are inclined to favor the type of boxing they followed in the ring.

When Ruby Goldstein handed down his famous verdict in favor of Jersey Joe Walcott in the highly controversial first fight with Joe Louis ten years ago, even those who favored Walcott were forced to concede that Ruby, a clever dancing master himself in his ring days, could be expected to lean towards the cleverer and more elusive man, in this case Jersey Joe.

Another headache for officials has been "*punch difference*" between fighters. Should one telling blow equalize a shower of pitty-pat-punches of the "Hurricane" Jackson stamp, or should every blow landed regardless of impact be scored alike.

Aggressiveness, "*forcing the fight*", and missed punches pose pitfalls of judgment for the officials. There are those who consider the most aimless aggressiveness a telling factor in naming the winner, other hail punch-slipping-and-dodging—minus any counter blows—as efficient boxing.

Probably the most second guessed of all the better known boxing officials is Harry Kessler of St. Louis, who is reputedly wealthy and it is said merely does his refereeing for the pleasure it affords him. If this is so, criticism must be music to his ears instead of an annoyance, for Mr. Kessler's calls have cooked up plenty of controversy.

Televiewers and ringsiders alike were stunned following the announcement of Harry's hairline margin of 76 to 74 points favoring Archie Moore in his title winning contest with Joey Maxim in St. Louis five years ago. Few saw it that close, the two judges had Moore in front by substantial margins of 82-58 and 87-63. In the first Patterson-Jackson struggle last year, Mr. Kessler had Jackson the winner, but in this case it must be admitted that while this did not represent majority opinion among ringsiders and press, a good sized portion of the TV audience went along with Kessler, seconding his verdict in a flurry of letters to The Ring Magazine.

Two years ago a decision favoring Gil Cadilli over Willie Pep in San Francisco touched off such a TV storm of outcry it appeared for a time as though the offending officials might wind up in rare difficulty, in fact they were all suspended and even the Governor of California got into the act with threats of an investigation.

TV indignation while it runs high momentarily is seldom long lived. The verdict that cost Carmen Basilio the welterweight title against Johnny Saxton in Chicago on Mar. 14, 1956 kicked up an eruption of TV protest but although one of the officials later ran afoul of the law in a case with no boxing connection, nothing else happened.

They took rank decisions more seriously in the long ago. Back in 1925, when Mike McTigue was called the winner over Tiger Flowers in a verdict so castigated it has come down through the years as a model of an unpopular call, the N. Y. Boxing Commission, aghast at such a miscarriage of justice, with Jim Farley presiding, came through with an ultimatum to then champion Harry Greb to give Flowers a chance at the middleweight title in atonement

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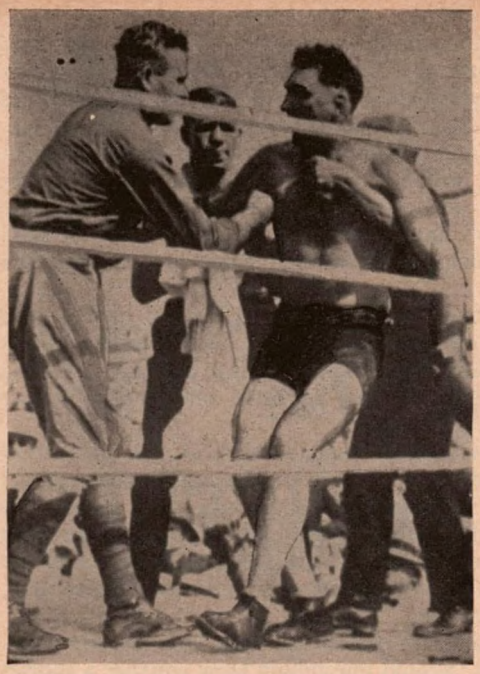


A battered Jess Willard is dragged to his corner at the end of the third round in his title losing bout with Jack Dempsey. Big Jess couldn't continue after absorbing a terrific licking for three rounds.

Abe Simon is sent tumbling through the ropes by Joe Louis during their second fight in which Abe was handed a frightful beating before being stopped in the sixth round.

WAS JACKSON SLAUGHTER

Hurricane Got THE Worst

Willard was murdered by Dempsey, but it lasted only three rounds, as against Patterson's triumph in ten.

By **DAN DANIELS**

IN the round by round and blow by blow accounts of the vast majority of fights for the heavyweight championship there are interesting high lights, there is a change of pace which makes the details interesting in spite of the frequently short duration of the contests, and their decisive nature from the start.

But, in the ten round fight in which Floyd Patterson defended his title so ably and resolutely against Hurricane Jackson, there was the deadly monotony of terrific punishment. Round after round, it was the same old story. One cluster of three minutes sounds so very much like another in the printed accounts.

When Jack Dempsey knocked out Georges Carpentier in four rounds at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City in 1921, the issue certainly was sufficiently clear cut. It was a mismatch, because of the great disparity in weight. But the Frenchman did land one punch, a stiff uppercut, which warned Jack not to let Georges hang around much longer.

When Dempsey disposed of Luis Firpo in the second heat in 1923, the Wild Bull belted Jack out of the ring in the first, and came very near making spectacular ring history.

The 1919 fight in which Dempsey acquired the title from Jess Willard at Toledo was short enough. The Mauler disposed of the Behemoth in three rounds. But, much as Jess was whipped, cut and mauled, the details are not lacking in interest from his side.

And so it is, right down the line, through Patterson's disposal of Archie Moore.

But Floyd's contest with the Hurricane, as presented for posterity in the blow by blow story, offers no relief. It is a story of punishment, of pain, of a defenseless fighter being cut down relentlessly, of a whipped man coming closer and closer to his deadly Armageddon.

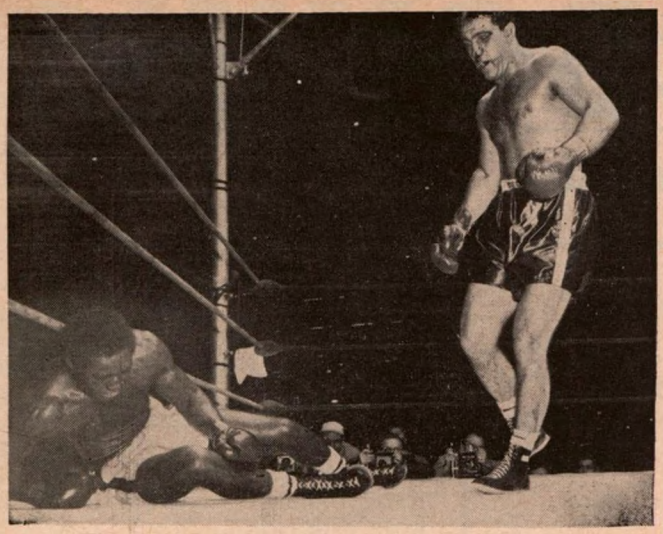
RESULT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF FIRST ENCOUNTER

The fight furnished an interesting study in the things which the title, all by itself, will do for a good champion.

When Patterson met Jackson for the first time, on June 8, 1956, the Hurricane put up a terrific struggle. Referee Harry Kessler gave the decision to Jackson. The two judges voted for Patterson and placed him next in line for the championship.

Only one year later, Jackson wasn't in the fight at all. Having become the champion, Patterson took on the full panoply of a title holder.

True, Patterson had learned a lot of things about Tommy in their first meeting. Floyd knew just how Jackson would operate. Patterson called the turn at every juncture, he outguessed, outmanoeuvred, outwitted the mentally less nimble Tommy every second of the way.



Rocky Marciano, battered and bloody, stands over Ezzard Charles whom he kayoed in the eighth round of their second thrilling fight. In both of their encounters each absorbed a terrific pounding. In fact Ezz never got over the beating he took in the first fight and although he cut up Rocky in the second fight was outclassed.

But, with all that, achievement of the championship had done something for Patterson. He knew that he had to act the champion, and he did that, amply.

Let us take one of the rounds at random. Not even the tenth, with its cease fire. Let us say, the seventh. Here's how it went:—

Tommy walked out slowly, with his hands held almost at his sides. Yet the challenger moved out to the attack.

CHAMPION DOLES OUT SYSTEMATICALLY CRUEL BEATING

Patterson met him with a leaping right to the jaw. Jackson slapped harmlessly as Floyd moved carefully around him. Patterson snapped over two jolting left jabs and a right to the jaw, and sidled away. He was picking his spots.

Patterson shot over four left jabs in succession and then crossed a hard right to the jaw. It was the same old story. Punishment. Terrific punishment. How could he take it, and how much longer?

Another right to the jaw shook Jackson all over and a left to the nose sent blood spraying Bizarre Hurricane tried to dance, and then Patterson fired a few salvos which sent Tom reeling to the ropes.

A tremendous right to the jaw buckled Jackson's knees and then the round ended. Patterson's round. The same old story.

Patterson failed to prove himself a champion with a knockout, this in spite of the way he had handled the

THE WORST?

Hurricane Jackson his face swollen and bruised is treated by one of his seconds following his kayo by Patterson. Tommy suffered internal injuries that caused him to be hospitalized.

The Referee signals the end for Freddy Beshore, as the game challenger was halted in the fourteenth round in his bid for Ezzard Charles title. Beshore was a battered and bloody hulk at the finish.

ancient Archie Moore.

Yet, the beating which Patterson doled out, punch by punch, may have been about as punishing as any given to a challenger since the days of John L. Sullivan.

When it was all over, Jackson was a bleeding mess, badly cut, his left eye virtually closed, his right cheek a mass of contusions.

Jackson was injured internally, too. He was rushed to a hospital during the early morning hours and found to be suffering from internal hemmorhage.

JACKSON HITS CANVAS NEAR END OF FIRST

Jackson was dropped at the close of the first round by a right to the jaw.

In the second, Patterson missed with a hook, but found

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TV and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio championship fight at the Yankee Stadium, Monday, September 23, being carried by Theatre Network Television, will include the largest number of locations in closed-circuit history. It is believed that 151 theatres throughout the country will screen this meeting of dual champions. The extended network is possible because of the use of TNT owned and operated TV projection equipment.

TNT has a potential sale of approximately 375,000 seats, with the total gross income coming to $1,300,000. An I. B. C. spokesman was enthusiastic about the setup. "Our last venture with TNT was the Marciano-Moore fight two years ago. This grossed for us $282,000. Since that time facilities have expanded considerably and we feel that our share will be much larger this time."

This will be the fifteenth bout telecast by Theatre Network Television. It all began on June 15, 1951 when TNT presented the Louis-Savold fight from Madison Square Garden. That year they went all out and screened seven exciting fights on the closed-circuit, the others being Bob Murphy vs. Jake LaMotta, Rocky Marciano vs. Rex Layne, Louis vs. Jimmy Bivins, Ray Robinson vs. Randy Turpin, Sandy Saddler vs. Willie Pep and Joey Maxim vs. Robinson.

In 1952 only one bout, Rocky Marciano's title winning knockout over Jersey Joe Walcott was screened into the theatres, and in 1953 Marciano's defense against Roland LaStarza was the lone offering.

Marciano's two bitter battles with Ezzard Charles, a decision and a knockout, were brought to the screens by TNT in 1954.

While the nation saw the Carmen Basilio knockout of Tony DeMarco for the welterweight title on June 10, 1955 on home-TV, Syracuse was blacked out but TNT put on a limited closed-circuit screening of the bout there. Two locales presented the fight.

Marciano's last two defenses of his heavyweight title before retiring were also exclusive TNT productions in 1955, against Don Cockell and Archie Moore. None were presented in 1956.

TED HUSING COMES BACK

We're not much in favor of comebacks in sports but there is one attempt going on that has us, and just about everyone else, applauding wildly. Ted Husing, the "Golden Voice of Sports Announcing" for over three decades, recently signed a contract to resume broadcasting for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

It was just six months ago that Ted, his career disrupted by blindness and paralysis, lay in a virtually hopeless condition after a brain operation.

Although his vision is still failing and his health is a big question mark, a CBS spokesman said "we have asked him to come back because he made his reputation here and we feel he'll be of some value to us. That's not hard-hearted, just business."

His assignment will entail coast-to-coast sports color commentary on college football, racing, basketball, and other events. Recuperating at his home in Pasadena, Calif., Ted has been doing some local color broadcasting for KNX-TV, a CBS affiliate in Hollywood, assisting former All-American football player Tommy Harmon with the Hollywood Park races.

Jimmy Dolan, executive producer of CBS radio sports, said Husing might also be used for television, "but that depends on when his eyes come back. We'll use him anywhere we see fit. We're going to bring him along slowly, though."

Called by many "the greatest sports announcer in radio history," Husing first started his climb to success in 1927 with CBS. In 1946 he became a disc jockey and was famed for his "Ted Husing's Band Stand" on Radio Station WMGM (New York) until he was stricken in 1954.

"Little by little I'm coming back," said the 56-year-old soft-toned announcer. "It's been a terrible ordeal, a long haul, but I'll make it."

And Ted's got a whole nation of sports fans on the sidelines cheering him on.

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

THURSDAY

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles (KTLA-TV), Cal Whorton, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† **CAVALCADE OF SPORTS,** Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Networks), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV), Bob Kelly and Jim Healey, Announcers.

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dunphy, Announcer.

IN GUSSIE'S CORNER

Gorgeous Gussie Moran, the tennis star, has shed her lace panties and gone into a rough-and-tumble, pull-no-punches television program which bids to make her the Lady Mike Wallace of the Sports World.

The program, Gussie's Corner, is seen over the DuMont Television Network at 11 P. M. each Monday following the fights from St. Nicholas Arena, with Miss Moran interviewing sports celebrities, mainly those with a controversial background or on a searching subject.

To date the fiery figure of Jackie Robinson (late of the late Brooklyn Dodgers), cocky Billy Martin (who helped make the trade which sent him from the Yankees to the Kansas City A's), Dan (just mark an X) Topping of the Yankees, Jack Kramer (long trafficking in tennis), Dan Ferris (a wheel with the AAU), Ray Robinson (who makes promoters' hearts skip a beat, they love him so), Harry Markson (close to the top man on the I. B. C.'s tottering totem pole) and Jack Dempsey

(the greatest fighter of this century) have been among those who have run the gauntlet of the questionnaire and if you did not see them it probably was because you were too intent watching the pert Miss Moran, who bears and dares watching.

From tennis racquet to fight racket may seem like a high net to hurdle but Gussie has done it nicely and in a refreshing manner, which has gained increasing popularity for her program. An ambitious miss, she promises to bring boxing's most controversial figures (bar none) before the DuMont screens.

Bubbling over with candid enthusiasm when the tables were turned and she was on the answering end, Miss Moran literally relived each of her interviews while striving for the right combination and perfection. She is sensible to know there is room for improvement on her program. Wrinkling her pretty little brow she determines "I should have more fully developed that line of questioning," or "If I'd only had more time to follow through!" It's the same nervous insistence that carried her through the rank and file and on to a host of amateur and pro tennis titles.

A timidity born of kindliness has been the biggest drawback she has had to overcome. "If I've got a young, rugged guest I'm interviewing I don't mind shooting the tougher questions at him," says Gussie. "I know he can defend himself. But once, for instance, I had a kindly old fellow I was interviewing and I just didn't have the heart to fire some of the queries at him. He had already backed himself into a corner with no way out.

"But don't get me wrong," she quickly countered. "We're not deliberately trying to back people into corners, or go looking for skeletons in closets. What we try to do is, by careful questioning, get at facts and personal opinions on controversial subjects which the public at large wants to know about. We ask the questions which we feel the audience would like to put to these personalities, within limits, and the person being interviewed leads us where he will, as long as he sticks to the line of questioning. They are his answers and he alone dictates how the program will develop, with how and what he answers."

We believe there is definitely room and a need in the television sports picture for such a program. It can be useful and informative while remaining entertaining. Whether Miss Moran is the person to handle such a program with authority and penetration is a question brought up by many. However, she is fast gaining confidence in a role that is strange to her and has the style, delivery and appearance that is effective (Effective? Heck, dazzling!).

It is with difficulty and reluctance that we find fault with Miss Moran, the one fault (for this type of program) being that she is just too nice. The greatest handicaps under which she operates, we feel, are the brevity of the program (15 minutes or less) and a none-too-thorough "search-job" done on her subjects, conditions which can be remedied to make for a worthwhile program.

The busy Miss Moran is also heard over Radio Station WMGM (New York) on "Warm Up Time" and "Sports Extra" before and after the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball games, helping to confuse, abuse and amuse the Three Opinions, Marty Glickman, Ward Wilson and Jim Gordon, who do a good job themselves.

PATTERSON-JACKSON FIGHT VICTIM OF WEIRD DECISIONS

Though the Patterson-Jackson heavyweight title tilt was blacked out for a radius of 75 miles of New York, many Long Islanders were able to pick up the fight on Channel 8, Bridgeport, Conn. and Channel 10, Providence, R. I., with signals bouncing around Patchogue. Others thoughtfully tuned in on Ultra High Frequency and caught the massacre on Channel 3.

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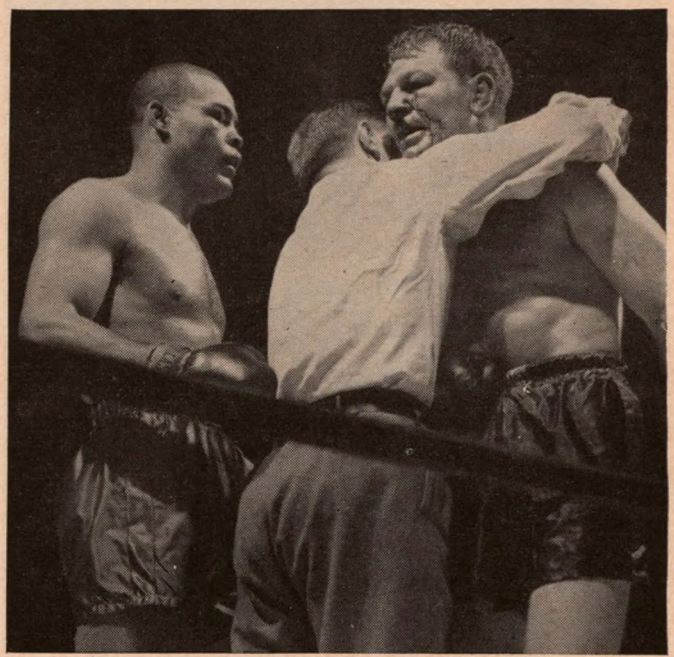
Gorgeous Gussie Moran has gone from tennis racquet to fight racket in taking over an interesting interview-type program over the DuMont Television Network, each Monday night following the fights from St. Nicholas Arena.



The first of the Theatre Network Television fights presented in movie houses saw Joe Louis (left) stop Lee Savold in six rounds on June 15, 1951. The Robinson-Basilio middleweight title bout on September 23 will be the fifteenth in this exclusive, closed-circuit series.

FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

PARDON MY GLOVE!

Veteran Cuban lightweight, Orlando Zulueta, scores with a right to the face of Frankie Ippolito during their St. Nick's bout. Orlando, making his first start since being stopped by Joe Brown, won the nod.

KNUCKLES UP!

Cutting up old touches at the 59th convention of the Order of Eagles at New York City were these one time fistic stars. (Left to right) Tony Galento, Orange, N. J. heavyweight; James J. Braddock, North Bergen, N. J. former heavyweight champion; Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside Park, N. J. ex-light heavyweight king; Tony Canzoneri of New York, ex-lightweight champ; Freddie Red Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J. former welterweight boss and Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul, Minn. who fought Jack Dempsey for the title.

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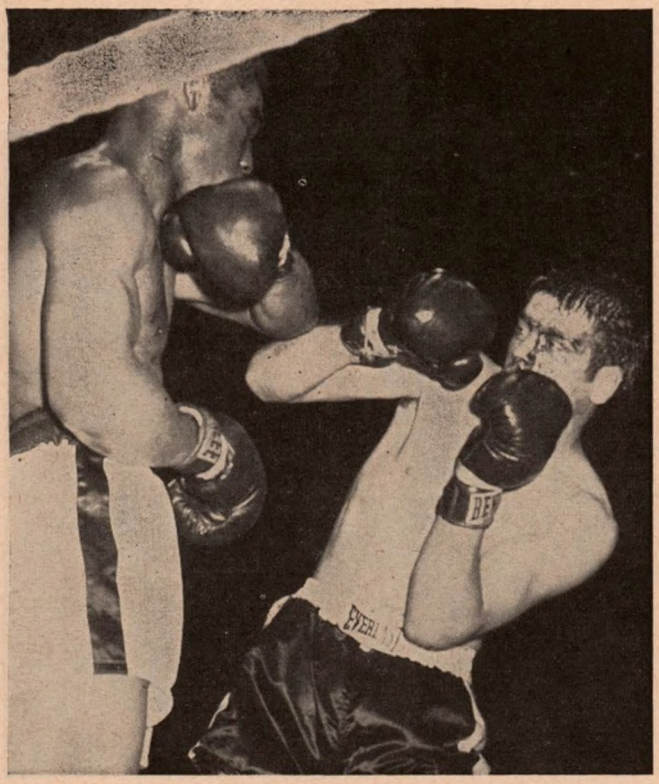
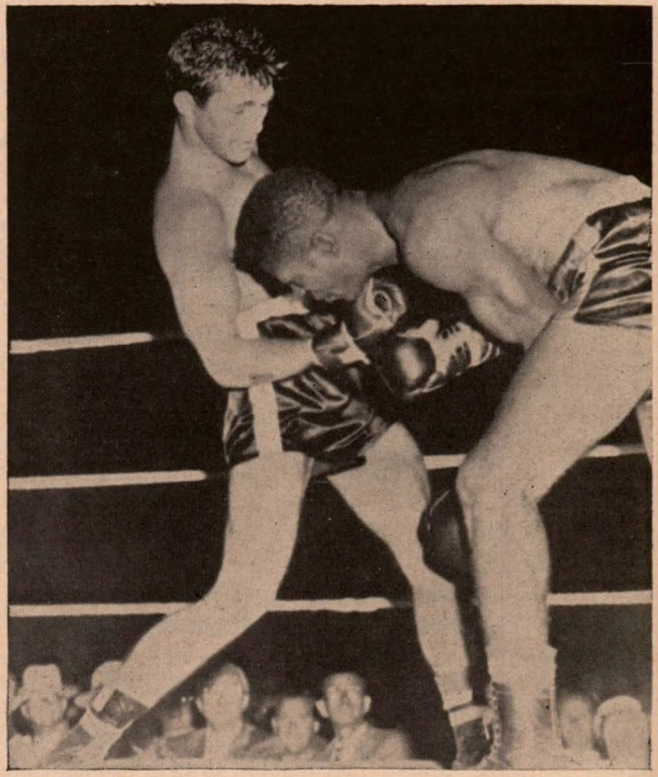


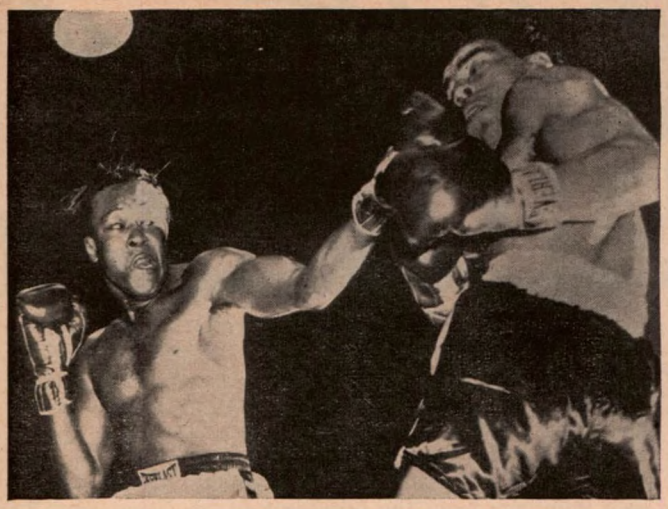
French middleweight, Germinal Ballarin, covers up as Rory Calhoun presses the attack in the closing round of their Syracuse, N. Y. battle. Calhoun rallied in the last five rounds to win a hard earned verdict in a bloody bout.

CHIN UP!



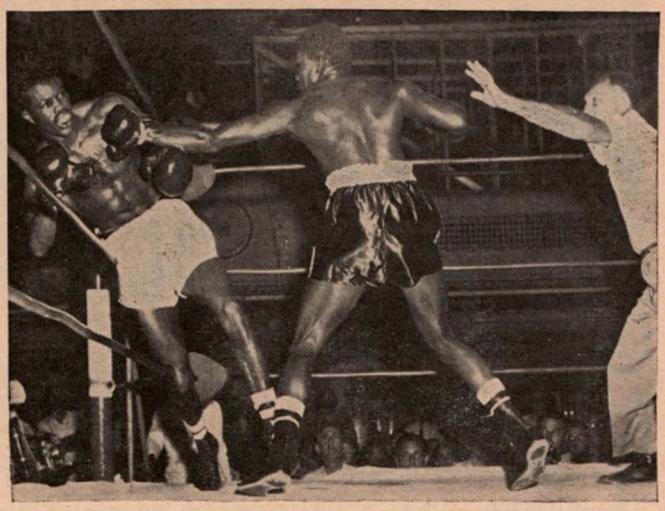
Before the largest crowd to witness a fight in Reno since Max Baer and King Levinsky, Joey Giambra, top ranking middleweight, drives a right uppercut to the jaw of Jimmy Welch of Columbus, O. The San Franciscoan stopped his man in the sixth round.

THE HAWK FLYS HIGH!



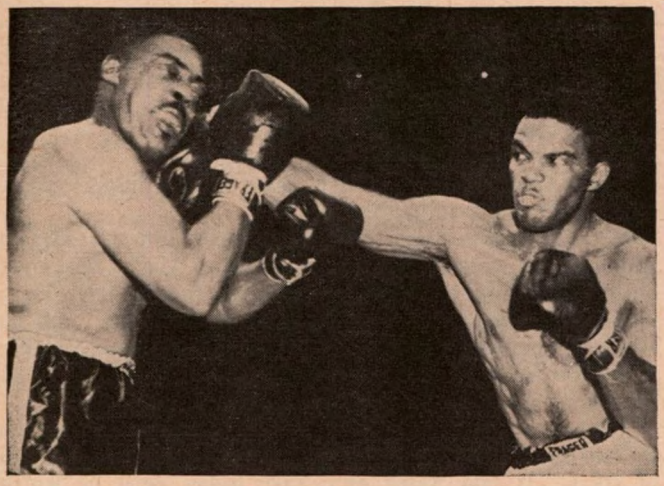
Former welterweight king Kid Gavilan of Cuba looked like his old self as he punched his way back into the rankings with an upset ten round decision over Gasper Ortega of Mexico at Miami Beach, Fla. The Keed snapped a five bout losing streak with his impressive triumph.

SUGAR GETS HIS LUMPS!



Veteran St. Louis welter contender Virgil Akins has young Philadelphian Sugar Hart at his mercy as Referee Lou Parker rushes in to halt their fight in Cleveland in the eighth round. Akins hit too hard for the highly touted youngster.

EDDIE HITS THE MARK.



Undefeated Eddie Machen scores with a long right to the jaw of Bob Baker during their heavyweight bout at Chicago Stadium. Eddie, the number one contender, won a one-sided decision and caused Baker to announce his retirement from the ring.

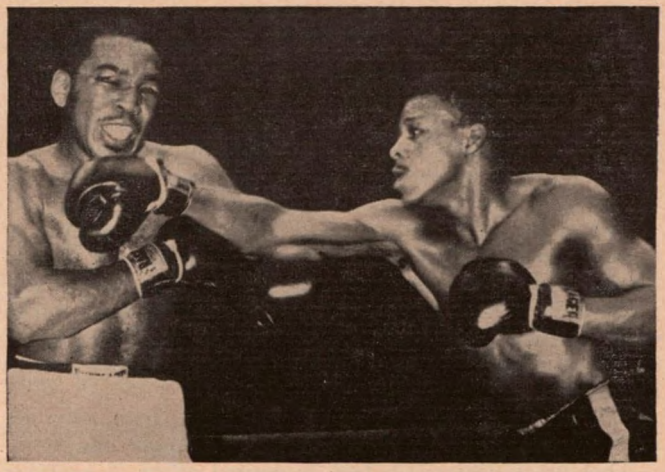
VENEZUELAN CHAMP.

Venezuelan flyweight champion Ramos Arias continues his climb towards the title by taking a decision over Italian Aristide Pozzali at Caracas. Here Ramon ducks under a left by Pozzali as he drives a left to the Italian's body.

A LUCKY MISS.

Undefeated Argentine heavyweight, Alex Miteff, lands a left to the side of Cuban Julio Mederos' head as he belted his way to a seventh round TKO win over his outclassed opponent at the New Capitol Arena in Washington, D. C. His impressive victory enabled Miteff to gain a place in ratings.

SOME KISSFULL.



Charley Joseph (left), New Orleans middleweight, takes it on the chin from Ellsworth (Spider) Webb of Chicago in the tenth round of their return match at Chicago Stadium. Webb gained revenge as he copped the verdict after a hard fought and interesting bout by these two top contenders.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THE report said that an old-time fighter, Fred J. (Frenchie) Gilbert, was 97 when counted out recently in Hawthorne, Nevada.

It also said that Gilbert had claimed the "American lightweight championship" after beating Spider Kelly in a bare-knuckles brawl in St. Louis in 1884. The report added that, three years later, Gilbert's first bout with gloves resulted in a knockout of Pat Hurley.

If this Gilbert was really an ex-fighter, and 97 when he died, he may have added an interesting note to ring history. We cannot recall any one-time knuckle-duster who put so many years into this man's world.

Checking through the files and musty old record books in The Ring office, we've been unable to find any reference to a Fred or Frenchie Gilbert. That, of course, would prove nothing, one way or another. Boxing statistics during the '80s were vague at best, and many a fighter of that era failed to receive recognition by the authorities that were.

If Gilbert did beat a Spider Kelly in St. Louis in 1884, it must have been an earlier, less distinguished Spider Kelly than the San Francisco Irishman who became an outstanding personality in the trade, first as a fighter, than as a manager, trainer and second. In 1884 THAT Spider was only 12. It was four years later, when he was 16, that he began his ring career, and it wasn't until late in the '90s that he ventured east of the Rocky Mountains.

A COLORFUL CHARACTER.

A colorful character, Spider Kelly. Born in Ireland (square name James Patrick Curtin) he was just a wee tot when his family emigrated to the United States and settled in California.

Both as a fighter and a handler of fighters, the Spider was recognized as one of the shrewdest operators of his time. He was tall and skinny for a lightweight, measuring 5 feet, 10¾ inches in altitude, and his lack of ruggedness probably prevented him from scaling the championship heights. He was a shifty boxer, however, and with his long reach he developed an exceptionally adept left hand.

One of the many stories told of Kelly was of the time he came on to New York in 1899 to fight Joe Gans at the old Lenox Club. The bout was over the 25-round route and Kelly, after giving Gans some rough opposition, tired in the closing stanzas. When it looked as though the Spider might not last the full distance, he eased into a clinch and snarled in Gans' ear:

"Listen, you blinkety-blank, if my friends hadn't bet on you to last the limit, I'd knock your head off right now."

That psychological jab had its desired effect. A cautious Gans failed to take advantage of his opponent's weariness and Kelly finished the fight on his feet.

A year later the Spider boxed Gans again, this time losing an eight-round decision in Denver. Hanging up his own mittens, the Spide teamed with his pal Tim McGrath, who'd been with him from the beginning of his career, and they formed one of the most celebrated managing-training-seconding partnerships in boxing history. Among the many top liners handled at various times by Kelly and McGrath were Tom Sharkey, Peter Maher, Jimmy Britt, Abe Attell, Aurelio Herrera and Frankie Neil.

It was Kelly who brought Jack Kearns and Jack Dempsey together in San Francisco in 1917.

The Spider died at the Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minn., following a mastoid operation in 1927.

BOXING IMPERSONATORS.

We've often wondered what makes such gullible souls of otherwise normal individuals.

Nat Fleischer recently received a letter from a reader in Buffalo who said he'd just visited Jem Mace, the great old English champion, now living in the Bison City. "Mace was celebrating his 66th birthday," the letter said, "and he looked as hale and hearty as he did in his prime. As the man who introduced science into British boxing, I think he's worth a feature story in The Ring."

To save him embarrassment, we're not mentioning the Buffalo writer's name, but someone sold him a fantastic bill of goods. If Jem Mace were alive today, he'd be worth considerably more than a feature story in The Ring. He'd be a world sensation. Instead of celebrating his 66th birthday, the "Father of Scientific Boxing" would be 126 years young. Jem Mace died in his native London, England, 'way back in 1910.

One of the penalties of athletic fame is the threat of imposters cashing in on impersonations. It happens frequently. In the last year alone, we've exposed at least a score of "phonies" posing throughout the nation as Johnny Buff, Mike McTigue, Rocky Kansas, Pedro Montanez and other prominent ringmen of the past.

What a brazen lot they can be at times! We recall, seven years ago, when Packey O'Gatty rounded up some of the old crowd here and decided to surprise Frankie Burns by dropping into his Jersey City tavern and helping him celebrate his 60th birthday. At the bar, when they arrived, was a guy who'd announced himself as Jack Delaney, and was regaling the customers with tales of his historic fights with Paul Berlenbach. As it happened, Berlenbach was with the visiting New York delegation.

O'Gatty called Burns to the end of the bar. "You know this isn't Jack Delaney," he said. "Delaney died a year ago."

"I know it," replied Burns, "but we may as well let him enjoy himself. He's spending his own money and is not trying to promote anything."

O'Gatty went along with the gag. He got himself into a conversation with "Jack Delaney."

"You sure were a great fighter, Jack," he said. "Your fights

with Berlenbach will never be forgotten. By the way, it's quite a coincidence, but here's your old rival himself," and Packey called Berlenbach over.

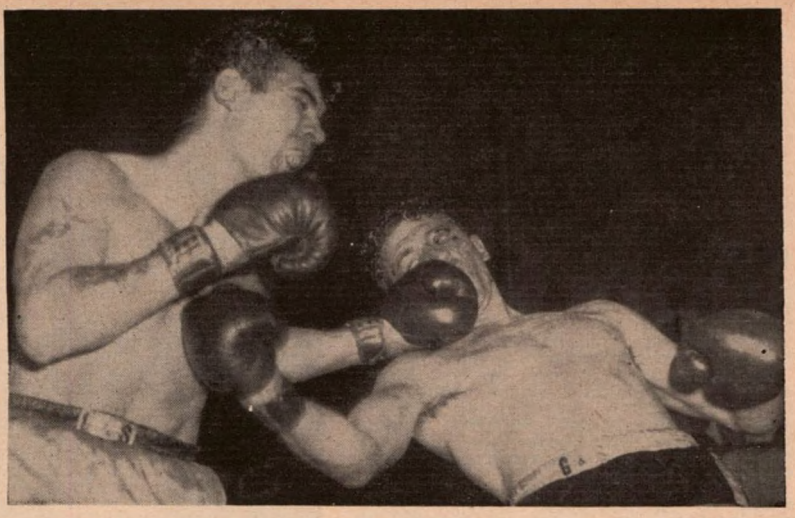
The spurious "Jack Delaney" didn't flick an eyelid. Putting out his right hand, he greeted Berlenbach heartily. "Great to see you again, Paul; what'll you have?"

AROUND THE RING.

On a week-in-week-out schedule, California is the busiest boxing center in the Union, yet the official statistics recently released by the State Athletic Commission reveal that the wrestlers continue to outdraw the fist-fighters. In the year ending June 30, a total of 773,286 paid admissions were recorded by the grunt-and-groaners against boxing's 459,558. Because of the higher ticket prices, however, the leather-tossers reported a better gross in gate receipts, $1,056,805 against $874,553.

Jean Bretonnel's most recent invasion of American rings was brief and anything but successful. He and his French entries returned home with a record of one lone victory in six starts here. The one win was scored by middleweight Germinal Ballarin, who split even in two outings. The scores of the other members of the troupe were: Lightweight Felix Chiocca, 0-2; middleweight Marcel Pigou, 0-1, and lightweight Hoacine Khalfi, 0-1. From what we hear, other Bretonnel representatives haven't been doing too well in Australia. The elder and better of the Chioccas, Sauveur, rated one of Europe's top welters, was beaten in an upset in Melbourne by a young Englishman, Jimmy Newman. Oh, well, a manager cannot always be lucky to have a Robert Villemain or a Pierre Langlois available.

Writes Earl Puryear from Omaha: "The first meeting of the local Veterans Boxers Association brought out twenty members. Still no boxing in Omaha, but Council Bluffs has been staging some pretty fair shows, trying to build up young talent."



The fight between Danny Russo (left) and Eddie Lynch, young local welters, promoted to their first main event, was merely incidental at the St. Nicholas, where the main action was supplied by noisy fans who threw chairs, heaved eggs, exploded firecrackers and turned pigeons loose during eight-round bout. Russo won decision.

THE month's results:

Celebrating his first start under the managerial aegis of George Gainford, Bobby Bell, 131½, Youngstown, O., was credited with a technical kayo over Bobby Courchesne, 132, Holyoke, Mass., when the latter suddenly collapsed in his corner at the end of the eighth round at St. Nicholas Arena. The stifling temperature, which must have registered close to 110 degrees under the lights in the non-air-cooled arena, was rough on both boys, but Bell withstood it better than Courchesne. Despite the oppressive heat, the bout was fought at a lively pace, Courchesne pitting his stubborn aggressiveness against Bell's shiftier boxing and snappier punching. Although knocked down twice, in the fifth and seventh rounds, Courchesne was slightly in the lead until the sudden ending. Iggy Maldonado, 126¾, split the honors with a Bronx rival, Prince Johnson, 126, in the semi-final six. In fours, Rudy Corney, 162, East Side, also drew with George Mercer, 164½, Bronx, while Lou Carvella, 125¾, West Side, decisioned Joey Vasquez, 124¼, Puerto Rico, and Charley Douglas, 134¼, Harlem, had the better of James Ellis, 135¼, Trenton, N. J.

▶ The best fight of the night on the Floyd Patterson-Tommy Jackson card at the Polo Grounds was the semi-final eight, in which Jerry Luedee, 169½, New Haven, evened the score with Angelo DeFendis, 173, Brooklyn, for a previous defeat at St. Nicholas Arena. It was a slugging affair all the way. Luedee dropped DeFendis for an automatic eight-count in the second round with a left-right combination to the jaw, and that knockdown just about represented the difference between the rivals at the finish. Patterson and Jackson training camp sparmates had it out in two of the prelims. Howie Turner, 207, Brooklin, a member of the champion's troupe, was held to a draw by Jack Jacobs, 196, Newark, of the Jackson entourage, in a mauling six, and Bob Woodall, 216, Boston, another Patterson hireling, whipped a Jackson-co-worker, Joe Branham, 195, Burlington, N. J., in four. Pan-American middleweight champion in 1955, and now a stablemate of Patterson's, Paul Wright, 165, Harlem, looked impressive in demolishing the veteran Phil Rizzo, 163, Brooklyn, in another scheduled four. Rizzo was down twice before the referee halted the carnage at 1:15 of the second.

▶ Competition or no, the show must go on—especially when there's a TV contract concerned—so the St. Nicholas Arena bucked the Polo Grounds card by bringing in Chico Vejar, 158¾, Stamford, Conn., for a brisk workout with Jay Anderson, 158, former Philadelphia now operating out of Paterson, N. J. As expected, Vejar was an easy winner in ten. Forcing the action throughout, and concentrating on left hooks to the head and both hands to the body, the one-time N. Y. U. student gave Anderson a rugged going-over but couldn't knock him off his feet. A pair of Philadelphians had it out in the semi-final six, Willie Long, 156, winning from Bernie Ford, 161. Joe Lissy, 154, Yorkville, grabbed the decision from Jimmy Squires, 150, Brooklyn, in another six. In a pair of fours, George Corbitt, 164, Brooklyn, had the better of Wilbur Washington, 159, Harlem, and Anthony Patie, 149, Long Beach, outfought Al Donato, 146, Puerto Rico.

▶ With evangelist Billy Graham extending his crusade in Madison Square Garden for several more weeks, the International Boxing Club rented the St. Nicholas Arena again for a Friday night offering between Bobby Boyd, 158¼, Chicago, and Willie Vaughn, 160, Los Angeles. It was a repeat performance, Boyd having edged out Vaughn in their previous meeting in Chicago. Bobby again was the winner in a hard-fought but unspectacular ten, marred by too much mauling and wrestling in the clinches. It was a fairly even thing until the last two rounds and Boyd cinched the verdict by his strong finish. The semi-final, scheduled for six, ended at 2:58 of the fifth, Iggy Maldonado, 129, Bronx, halting Frank Figueroa, 127, Puerto Rico. In another six, Wally Livingston, 124½, Trenton, N. J., whipped Al Tisi, 129¼, West Side. In fours, Tommy Kelly, 120, West Side, won from Steve Horvath, 121½, Toronto, Canada; Eddie Bramlett, 173½, Harlem, decisioned Jerry Holman, 175, Los Angeles, and Joey Archer, 148¾, Bronx, whipped Johnny Lissy, 146½, Middlesex, N. J.

▶ Amid a noisy exhibition of hoodlumism by rowdy partisans, Danny Russo, 148, Brooklyn, edged out a split decision over Eddie Lynch, 151, West Side, in a lively eight at St. Nicholas Arena. Two spectators, hit by chairs, required medical attention, one for scalp lacerations, the other for a fractured nose. The bedlam was augmented by thrown eggs, exploding firecrackers and flying pigeons. At one point a deputy commissioner threatened to stop the fight unless the hooligans behaved. With it all, Russo and Lynch, preliminary kids promoted to their first main event, staged an interesting affair, Russo's body punching grabbing the officials' majority vote over Lynch's head hunting. Russo suffered a gashed left cheek in the fourth but returned the compliment by ripping Lynch's left eyebrow in the seventh. In the semi-final, also listed for eight, Johnny Gorman, 141½, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo over Bill Flamio, 146½, Bronx, when a deep cut over Flamio's left eye prompted Dr. Sam Swetnick to recommend halting the bout at the end of the third. In another eight, Eddie Thompson, 160, Cincinnati, whipped Calvin Davis, 158½, Harlem. In fours, Sid Rubenstein, 205, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Werba, 205, West Side; Manuel Rodriguez, 120½, flattened a fellow-Puerto Rican, Mike Serrano, 124, at 1:28 of the first, and Pat O'Brien, 146, West Side, halted Paul Berrios, 145½, Puerto Rico, at 0:34 of the third.

▶ Making good use of his vast experience and educated left jab, the shifty veteran Orlando Zulueta, 137, Cuba, edged out young Frank Ippolito, 140, Bronx, in a fast-moving ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Although the decision was unanimous with the officials, Zulueta's margin was so slight the verdict was anything but popular with the crowd. It was Zulueta's first start since Champion Joe Brown knocked him out in their title affair in Denver—the first time Orlando had been stopped in 11 years and 102 fights—but the Cuban showed few ill effects of that discouraging setback. He displayed plenty of animation against Ippolito—and he needed it. The Bronx youngster, stacking up against his first "name" opponent, set a rugged pace, and not only scored with lusty left swings to Zulueta's head and body but at times actually outjabbed the jab specialist. The semi-final six ended at 2:36 of the second, the referee calling a halt after Harry Ball, 177¼, Yorkville, dropped outclassed Augie Turiano, 183½, Brooklyn, for the second time. Oddly enough, another six also ended at 2:36 of the second, Nat Dixon, 193¼, Brooklyn, flattening Tommy Black, 193, Stamford, Conn. In fours, Jimmy Ithia, 126, West Side, decisioned Guy Fatta, 129, Brooklyn; Sid Lugo, 134½, Brooklyn, outpointed Nino Malava, 138½, Puerto Rico; Eddie Jordan, 143¾, Brooklyn, won from Bernie Raines, 146½, Stamford, Conn., and Tito Cabalerro, 145½, Puerto Rico, stopped Charley Jager, 140½, Hungary, at the end of the second.

THE FINAL BELL. . . . Death takes few holidays in this trade. Hardly a month goes by without the sock market contributing all too many grim items to the obituary columns of the nation's press.

In recent weeks the more prominent "names" included two former world champions, middleweight Mike O'Dowd and featherweight Chalky Wright (whose stories appear elsewhere in this issue), and a pair of outstanding managers, Larry White and Max Waxman. White, 73, died in San Francisco; Waxman, 65, in New York.

Managing boxers was a sideline with White, but a highly profitable one, and Larry spent almost as much time at it as he did his regular trade—the newspaper business in San Francisco. White handled a score of

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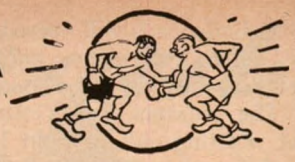
IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA



By BILL MILLER

GEORGE PARNASSUS, one of the best-known managers in the game, was appointed matchmaker of the Olympic Auditorium, succeeding "Honest Cal" Working, who has other important business interests.

Both men are old and valued friends of mine, dating back to the Roaring Twenties.

Parnassus, in recent years, has been American representative for a considerable number of Mexican fighters, including such boys as Raul (Raton) Macias, Pajarito Moreno, Ernesto Parra, Kid Anahuac and a flock of lesser lights. These boys attracted big gates in California.

Macias drew over $82,000 against Dommy Ursua in San Francisco; Moreno, against Jose Luis Cotero, grossed over $85,000, and Kid Anahuac drew over $26,000 at Hollywood, and more than $33,000 at the Olympic against Billy Peacock and Ike Chestnut.

That's smart handling, as any manager can tell you.

Working remains at the Olympic as public relations counselor, and in an advisory capacity. Among other interests, he owns the Case Cienega, one of the finest Spanish-food restaurants in Southern California. Ask Nat Fleischer. He ate there when he stopped off in L. A. en route to Melbourne.

▶ Tiger Al Williams lived up to his tag at the Olympic Auditorium when he scored a 5th round TKO over Ruben Hernandez, and now he's in line for a title match with Neal Rivers, state middleweight champion. Williams, 160; Hernandez, 159.

The Tiger ripped and tore his way to a one-sided win, but he was unable to floor the courageous Mexican.

In the semi, Frank Haynes, 178½, scored an upset six-round win over Reuben Wilson, 193½. The fours: Kenny Morris, 127½, protege of my good friend Lou Filippo, scored his fourth straight win in trouncing Kid Kamva, 128; Sammy Seals, 165, drew with Orlando Di Pietro, 165; and Jose Pompey, 155, drew with Goose Tatum, 157. (Goose Tatum? Thought he was a basketballer.)

▶ A crowd estimated at 6300 paid a gross of $13,916 at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., to see Cisco Andrade, 135½, score a 9th-round TKO over former world lightweight champ Wallace (Bud) Smith, 139. At the time the fight was stopped, Andrade was leading on all scorecards by a big margin.

These boys, Andrade and Smith, had the misfortune to follow one of the best fights of the year—a smasheroo between undefeated Alfredo Escobar and Jimmy Lassiter. After that one, even the Battle of Gettysburg would seem dull. It was slam-bang, action-packed all the way, with nary a clutch or a clinch to slow up the activity.

The Andrade-Smith tussle was not televised; all the other bouts on the card were on TV.

Because the Escobar-Lassiter fight was such a thriller, the fans, satiated with excitement, were bored by the featured fight and vented their disapproval in the time-honored fashion. It was Cisco's first major fight in almost a year; Smith had lost six in a row prior to this one. To put it charitably, Smith's legs, like the old gray mare, ain't what they used to be.

As for Cisco, he'll have to win a few more dukes before he takes on champion Joe Brown. (He'll do it, too.)

Getting back to Escobar-Lassiter: the verdict was a draw, though most ringsiders had Escobar in front by a small margin. The officials voted thusly: Referee Frankie Van scored it 95-94 for Lassiter; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 97-93 for Escobar, and Judge George Latka saw it 96-96, a draw.

There might have been disagreement on the scoring, but every soul in the house agreed that this was THE fight of '57. The ring was littered with money, tossed in by ringsiders—folding money as well as silver. Escobar, 129; Lassiter, 131.

In the six-round semi, Abe Villa, 114, got the unanimous decision over Tony Rios, 121. The fours: De Witt Lewis, 148, TKO (3) over Russell Johnson, 151; and Caesar Sanchez, 117, defeated Pico Campa, 117.

Commercial note: Andrade's purse was $3,497; Smith got $2,846.

▶ Youthful Paul Armstead—he's only 20—fattened his batting average at Hollywood Legion Stadium to 15-3 by capturing the unanimous verdict over chunky Tommy Tibbs of Boston. In so doing, he reversed one of his three losses. He dropped a split decision to Tibbs a few months ago in the same arena.

The voting tells the story: Referee Charley Randolph, 98-92; Judge Tommy Hart, 99-92, and Judge John Thomas, 98-95.

This was Tibbs' seventh local fight. The bean-eating battler has duked some good boys hereabouts: Lauro Salas, Mickey Northrup, and Kid Castro, in addition to his previous win over Armstead.

Armstead, former track star at Poly High, turned in a smooth performance; he was especially effective at short range, frequently beat Tibbs to the punch.

In the semi, slated for six, Willie Lucero, 129, took quite a lacing in the opening round, but came back strong to stop Rickie Robinson, 127, in the third. Body blows turned the trick.

The fours: Charley Black, 167, TKO (2) over Willie Gilbert, 157; Ron Peterson, 182½, drew with Willie Pope, 196½, and Jeff Jones, 158½, KO (1) over Marshall Perryman, 162.

▶ Officer, he's in again!—Dick Goldstein, whose Marine Corps service record lists him as Ryszard Matuszewski, had informed the local press that he was going to appear on Mike Wallace's national TV show to be "interviewed".

Paul Caruso, Art Aragon's attorney,—you'll remember that it was Goldstein's testimony which convicted the Golden Boy for bribery—has received a letter from Wallace stating that he "never planned to interview Goldstein; that, in fact, he had never heard of him." Obviously Mike does not read the sports pages.

Aragon's appeal of his recent conviction is still pending. Art's friends, and a great many who are NOT his friends, are in hopes that this appeal will be granted. The stiff sentence of one to five years in the State prison for a fight that never took place seems inordinately severe. Aragon's lawyer insists that Goldstein is a perjuror, and that he'll prove it if given the chance.

▶ Entering the ring a 5-1 favorite, Tombstone Smith, 149, was hard-pressed by newcomer Marcel Pigou, who hails from Paris, France, but he managed to emerge with a split-decision win at Hollywood Legion Stadium. A crowd estimated at 3300 paid a gross of $4250.

Referee Dynamite Jackson scored it 97-92; Judge Mushy Callahan saw it much closer, 96-95, and Judge Jimmy Wilson saw it closer still, for he voted 95-95, a draw.

The Frenchman, boasting a good European record but absolutely unknown hereabouts, started off by taking the aggressive, and he was ahead on all cards in the early rounds. Obviously, he wasn't a bit frightened by Smith's awesome monicker, "Tombstone". The crowd liked him, and he'll be welcomed back with open arms.

Fans showed their appreciation by a silver shower, tossing coins and green stuff into the ring.

Yes, indeed: M'sieu Pigou has won himself a home here.

In the six-round semi, Hank Aceves, 128, finished strongly to get the nod over Dom Sacco, 130. The fours: Joey White, 146, KO (3) over Julio Romero, 145; Bobby Sands, 165, KO (1) over Exter Wilkerson, 161, and Hurricane Simms, 170, dec. Tommy Johnson, 170.

▶ California will henceforth levy a new tax on boxing and wrestling promoters. From now on, impresarios must kick in with 5% of the receipts from TV and radio.

Seems as how the Golden State has been running into the red; not enough income to pay the expenses and salaries of the personnel. Possibly they're maintaining a larger staff and paying higher wages than the income warrants.

▶ Mr. Sid Ziff, sports ed. of the L. A. Mirror-News, has been taking pot-shots at the projected Archie Moore-Tony Anthony scrap, in which Archie places his 175-pound crown on the block. I pointed out to Sidney that Anthony had won 30 of his 35 fights, 23 by knockout (including a kayo over Chuck Speiser, then the No. 1 contender for the title.) I pointed out, also, that only two men have defeated Moore in his last 35 fights; one was Rocky Marciano, the other, Floyd Patterson.

▶ Luke Easter, crowd pleasing lightweight, must have wondered during the first seven rounds who had determined the 3-1 odds in his favor. For rugged and fast punching Billy Brown of Oakland gave just about as much as he received, and made Easter pull all the stops in the final innings to take the decision. Their ten-rounder was the main event at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Easter, 135; Brown, 136.

Gross receipts reported by Promoter Jimmy Cosenza were $2221.

Referee Matt Zidich's point total for Easter was 98-94. Easter, often a target for Brown's jabs and left hooks in the early rounds, settled down in the eighth and took the last three sessions.

Doug Garrett, 147, found out the lot of a substitute can be a rough one. Taking the bout on short notice, he suffered a TKO in four rounds by Julian Valdez, 142.

Henry Berrea, 132, outpunched Ray Thomas, 137, to take the six-round verdict.

Leon Hatcher, 195, stopped Phil Babodono, 200, in 3. Willie Woods, 127, halted Chano Flores, 128, in 1.

▶ Raul (Raton) Macias, NBA nominee for the world bantamweight title, was attacked by a wild pig. The pig's name was "Raton".

Here's a conversation I overheard in the Olympic Gym on Main Street shortly after this occurred. Two fighters—I'll call one Mutt and the other Jeff—are talking:

Mutt: "Hey, didja hear about this here guy Macias gettin' hisself bit by a pig?"

Jeff: "Yeah. What d'ye know. Ain't that somepn. Pig musta been awful hungry."

Mutt: "Funny. Some guy give Macias this-here pig for a present. Named him "Raton", in honor of Macias."

Jeff: "Mebby that's whut made the pig mad, huh?"

Mutt: "I dunno. Anyway, Macias was hoited so bad they had to rush him to a horsepital."

Jeff (thoughtfully): "Yeah?" A pause, then: "Say, how's the pig gettin' along?"

▶ Making his first appearance after a six-month layoff, Joey Dorando (Junior), 146, celebrated the occasion by scoring a clean kayo over Rudy Mendoza, 146, at the Olympic Auditorium. A smashing right to the jaw turned the trick.

What made the victory double sweet: Mendoza is one of the two men to score wins over Dorando since he turned pro. It was Dorando's eighth kayo in 15 pro starts. Papa Joe Dorando, himself a rugged scrapper 30 years ago, was busting with pride. Dorando, Senior, runs a popular restaurant on Vine Street, in Hollywood—"the best spaghetti in California".

It was a fast, entertaining fight while it lasted. Dorando will be back soon; this kid has a nice following, and deserves it.

In the six-round semi, youthful Eddy Jones—he's only 18—scored an upset unanimous verdict over Kid Rayo, Managua, Nicaragua; Jones 147, Rayo 146. Jones is a Jefferson High product. The fours: Richie McLane, 148, dec. Larry Mercer, 148; Tommy Carlin, 133, dec. Jimmy Mitchell, 137; and Alfred Burton, 177, dec. Willie Patterson, 170.

▶ A stunning upset was registered at Hollywood Legion Stadium when 5-1 underdog Pete Kawula, Chicago, 129½, scored the unanimous verdict over Ernesto Figueroa, Mexico City, 129. It was Kawula's second upset triumph within a month; three weeks ago he defeated Lauro Salas in the Filmville ring.

Figueroa, stablemate of Raton Macias, and one of Mexico's leading featherweights, was dropped twice in the second round, and from then on couldn't seem to regain the form which had enabled him to beat boys like Jimmy Moser and Rudy Garcia.

Referee George Latka voted 96-91; Judge Tommy Hart, 98-97, and Judge Lee Grossman, 98-90. A crowd estimated at 3300 paid $4501 to see the televised tiff.

If you'll take a look at Page 505, Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, 1957 edition, you can get some idea of Figueroa's high rating south of the Rio Grande.

It was an impressive triumph for the Canadian-born Kawula, and he now boasts an overall record of 33-6-4. Pete tired in the

closing rounds, and hung on more than somewhat. However, he had amassed enough credits in the early stanzas to coast in.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Clyde Watson, 175, out of action for nine months, celebrated his return to activity by knocking out Monroe Ratliff, 177, in Round 2. The fours: Steve Limon, 131, dec. Ray Copeland, 133; Abe Villa, 118, dec. Willie Parker, 119½, and Davey Midel, 126, dec. Bobby Chavez, 120.

▶"Wonderful medium that it is, there is one thing that television cannot do for the boxing fan. It can't give him the true color and feel of the crowd."

So says Sid Ziff, sports editor of the Mirror-News. He continues:

"The jeers and sneers of an uninhibited audience are a big part of the live show that doesn't come through on your set."

Sid criticizes the lengthy commercials between bouts, and he's right as rain about it.

▶Continuing the parade of upsets at Hollywood Legion Stadium, Noel Humphreys, 127, of Charleston, West Va., scored a close but unanimous decision over Billy Peacock, 122. Gross gate was $4671—very good for a TV scrap—and the crowd estimated at 3400.

The scoring tells the story: Referee Tommy Hart tabbed it 96-95; Judge Reggie Gillmore, 96-95; and Judge Charlie Randolph, 96-94. Betting opened at 3-1, in favor of Peacock, went as high as 5-1 in the early rounds.

It was Peacock's first fight under the management of popular Suey Welch. "I was just too tight," he said after the fight. "I couldn't get going."

Immediately after the fight, Peacock and his manager, Suey Welch, took the plane for Caracas, Venezuela, where Billy is booked to battle Victor (Sonny) Leon. Shortly after that one, Peacock will leave for Manila, P. I.

It was Humphreys' second upset victory in a row. Earlier he had triumphed over Irish Tommy Bain, in the same arena.

Peacock, a legitimate bantam, has been forced to fight featherweights this year because there's a lack of suitable opposition in his own division.

In the semi, Boots Monroe, 122½, scored a 6th round TKO over game little Willie Parker, also 122½, from Pittsburgh. The fours: Willie Gilbert, 162½, dec. Benny Doyle, 164½; Joel White, 146, drew with Eddie Gilbert, 146; and Umberto Namee, 136, dec. Cecil Moore, 139.

▶Shocking news from Manila: Jess Cortes (Jesus Santo Tomas Cortes), well-known to old-timers hereabouts, was stabbed to death in Manila by a disgruntled employee in a hotel he owned. It hit me hard, because in 1932, Cortes, Frank Churchill and I were partners in the management of Ceferino Garcia, Tod Morgan, Speedy Dado, Armando Santiago, Star Frisco and other boys.

Ten years ago I returned to Manila, after an absence of 26 years, with Harold Dade. At that time, Cortes entertained me royally. He has been living in Manila for the past 20 years, but lived in the U.S.A. from 1926 until 1936 or thereabouts. My deepest sympathy to his widow, Carmen, and daughter, Betty.

▶Upsets seem to be the order of the day in Southern Cal. At the Olympic Auditorium, Howard King, 188, Reno, grabbed a split decision over Big Bob Albright, 218. The latter was favored at 2-1; a crowd of about 2,500 was on hand.

All the more surprising was the fact that King took the fight on only two days notice. Originally, Albright had been booked with Charley Powell, Suey Welch's heavy, but Powell was taken down with intestinal flu and was forced to withdraw.

Referee Mushy Callahan voted for Albright, 94-93, but was over-ruled by the two judges, Dynamite Jackson and Frank Holborrow, who voted 97-92 and 98-95, respectively. (Or, as Dizzy Dean would say, respectfully.)

It was a very good fight, from the spectators' standpoint, and backed up by an entertaining prelim card, all big boys.

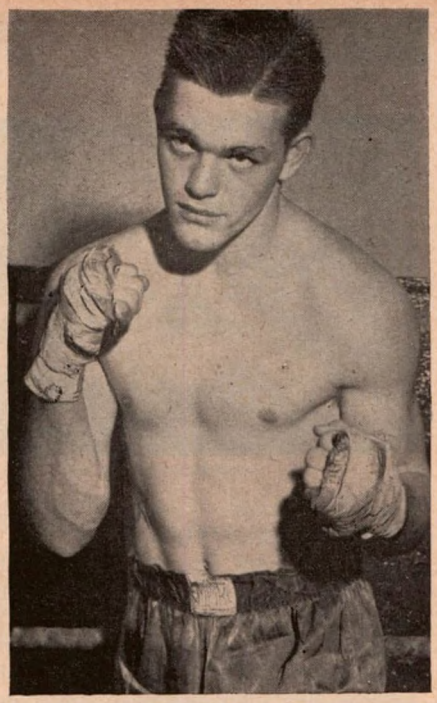
This was George Parnassus' debut as matchmaker for the Olympic Auditorium, and it was a corker of a program, despite the bad break in the main event.

In the semi-final, booked for six, Charles Black, 169, stopped Clyde Watson, 173, in Round 4.

The fours: Norman Leitcher, 176, making his pro debut, dec. Richard Wilburn, 175; Ron Peterson, 182, drew with Otis Fuller, 192; and Al Burton, 175, dec. Paul Estrada, 169.

▶My old amigo, Meyer Grace, once a top-notch welter (though I knew him when he boxed as a featherweight in Chicago, 30 years ago), has been doing well as a song-writer. His latest record, "In My Dreams," by the Rinkie Dinks, received a lot of compliments from disc jockeys in these parts. . . .

Tommy Walsh, who swang a towel for



Noel Humphreys, Charleston, W. Va., featherweight, scored a close but unanimous decision over The Ring's 4th ranked world bantamweight Billy Peacock at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Ulysses S. Grant at the Battle of Lookout Mountain, keeps me in touch with doings around the country. He's advance man for Abe Saperstein's Harlem Globetrotters—but once a fight man, always a fight man. . . .

▶My good friend Cal Whorton, boxing writer of the L. A. TIMES, sounded taps for former world lightweight champ Lauro Salas, following his 12-round defeat at the hands of 20-year-old Paul Armstead at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The 29-year-old Salas weighed 129; Armstead, 131. It was a unanimous verdict, but I, for one, don't think that Lauro lost by as big a margin as the officials scored it. More of that anon.

It is my opinion that sounding taps for Lauro is premature.

They've relegated him to the realm of washed-up warriors many times in the past. But, like Banquo's ghost, he keeps coming back. After losing, sometimes to a mediocrity, he comes up with a smashing win over a topnotcher.

He lost two in a row—Art Aragon and Jimmy Carter—just before he dethroned Carter and became lightweight king. In 1953 and 1954 he had eleven fights, lost six. He started 1955 with a defeat, which meant that he lost seven of his last twelve fights, and then, what does our hero do? Why, he comes up with a 12-round decision over Cisco Andrade, then a top-ranked lightweight and a prominent contender for the world lightweight title.

Armstead, a classy youngster with a 15-3 record, entered the ring a 2-1 favorite, which gives him a 16-3 score at the moment.

The scoring: Referee Frankie Van, 117-113; Judge John Thomas, 118-112; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 118-111. I gave it to Armstead 116-114. On account I penalized the winner for his holding tactics near the end.

A crowd of 4200 paid $5435 to see the televised tiff.

In the semi, slated for six, undefeated Eddie Gaspora, 130½, remained thataway by scoring the unanimous verdict over Tommy Carlin, 133½. A knockdown in the 5th cinched the win for Gaspora. The fours: Joey Armstrong, 137½, dec. Red Emory, 138; Dick Page, 127, dec. Kid Campa, 128; and Lloyd Cook, 159, TKO (4) over Del Woods, 157. Woods was ahead on points, but suffered a gashed lip in the 4th and the referee stopped the fight.

▶From Jerry Mullany, who covers part of California for me, comes the following reports:

California has a goodly share of capable fight managers, and quite a number of them have "grabbed the big one" (piloting a boxer to a world championship). One of the few managers to attain this distinction twice was Larry White, who died in San Francisco of a heart attack at the age of 73.

His two title-holders were Young Corbett III, welterweight, and Fred Apostoli, middleweight. He started Corbett on a ring career in 1919, but it was not until the 1930s that the Fresno Italian reached the heights.

Under White's guidance Corbett kept drawing capacity crowds to every arena and baseball park in San Francisco during the cash-short Depression era. He won the title from Jackie Fields at Seals Stadium on February 22, 1933.

A few years later, when White was managing Apostoli, Corbett was also campaigning as a middleweight and handling his own fiscal affairs. And the Italian population came in droves to Seals Stadium to see Corbett tangle with Apostoli. Needless to state, Larry White viewed the affair with mixed emotions.

Corbett, barely surviving after being knocked all over the ring in the early rounds, came on to give Fred a boxing lesson and took the decision. Apostoli got his revenge later, when he was middleweight champion. He knocked Corbett out in a New York title battle.

Though not actively engaged in boxing activities in the past 15 years, White visited the San Francisco fistic gymnasiums almost daily.

▶Cutting loose with all your artillery in the 8th round against a still very energetic opponent involves a risk—for a boxer may have nothing left for the final dash. Tommy Romulo, of Manila, took this chance when he exploded against Seattle's Teddy Hall at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton. His action paid off with a knockout in the eighth. Weights: Romulo, 138; Hall, 135.

The pre-holiday gathering was low by Stockton attendance standards—1,000 fans paid $1900 gross.

The Northwest battler pleased the Stockton fans with his showing in the first seven rounds, and all score cards were close to being even. But a punishing body attack slowed up Hall in the fateful eighth. A right to the jaw sent Hall's mouthpiece flying, and a left hook put him down for eight.

Though Hall arose, he was shaky, and Referee Johnny Reno called a halt.

Cleo Frazier, 162, Stockton, KO'd Red Lite, 156, S. F., in 5 of a scheduled six. In another programmed six, Bobby Gray, 129, Stockton, and Davey Lee, 130, battled to a technical draw in 2. An accidental butt by Gray opened a cut near Lee's eyeball.

Fred Roberts, 130, TKO'd Max Telles, 127, in 3.

▶Andy Domebo of San Jose made a good fight of it in attempting to stop the winning streak of Bob Butcher, San Francisco's top heavyweight prospect. But relentless Bob made it No. 16 by scoring a TKO in the eighth. They were slated for ten sessions at the Auditorium in Richmond.

Paid attendance was 1710; gross was $2694. It was a Jimmy Cosenza promotion. Weights: Butcher, 196; Domebo, 184.

Turning point of the battle came in the fifth, when Domebo's right eye was closed by persistent battering.

By the eighth Referee Tony Bosnich, studying Domebo's battered features, figured Andy had enough and halted proceedings.

What was to have been the other half of the main event lasted quickly, when Hank Casey, 158, S. F., knocked Walter Tyler, 156, L. A., down twice in the first round to score a TKO. A bristling fight three weeks before, with Casey getting a close decision, had merited the rematch.

Preliminaries: Jack Parelli, 137, stopped Jimmy Duvell, 139, in 2; Billy Brown, 142, KO'd Jimmy McKay, 139, in 2; Jimmy Medlock, 142, drew with Emil Santiago, 145, in 4.

▶San Francisco promoters, for the next several months, will have no choice of arenas except the expansive Cow Palace (17,800). The downtown Civic Auditorium (7800) is booked solidly for other events. Popular Winterland arena (7500) has the Ice Follies.

And compact San Francisco Garden (1000) is out of the boxing business. S. F. observers are trying to draw some kind of a moral out of the fact that it has been converted into a place which sells canned goods.

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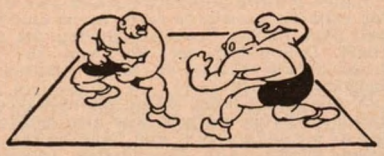


Judy Grable, a 5'4" blonde with brown eyes, is the feminine version of Antonino Rocca. The feats she performs with her legs are unbelievable.

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

Rickie Starr wrestling sensation and recording star is opening up his own recording company which will be a "Joe" label. . . . I am in receipt of the first Bill McDonald Fan Club Bulletin sent by the club President Alice Post. . . . One of the rules of the club is . . . "Keeping dues paid". . . . Ed Note: If you don't there won't be a club long.

One of the widest awake Fan Clubs is the Torres Brothers with co-presidents Hilda and Bob Martin at the helm. . . . Another enterprising Bulletin is put out by Mabel Stonecipher, the Michalik Reporter, which incorporates news in it from different sections of the U. S.

Thanks to Dickie Dimmick, President of the newly formed Lord Blears Fan Club, for honoring me with membership in the club. I am proud to accept and that Buddy Rosen FC is on its toes—if we are to judge by the amount of votes we have been receiving on Buddy.

Following is a letter I received that is of sufficient interest to be passed on to you all:

Dear Mr. Loubet:

I certainly enjoyed reading the article on Kathleen Wimbley in the mat section in a recent issue of Ring. In my estimation, Miss Wimbley is the most underrated girl wrestler in the business. How come you didn't print a picture of her to show the mat fans what a magnificent physique she has. I hope you will correct this injustice to a truly remarkable girl wrestler and print a photo of her in a future issue.

In case you are interested, here are some little known facts on the girl's wrestling profession.

Elvira Snodgrass, a 15 year veteran, at the time of her near fatal auto accident three years ago, passed away last summer as an indirect result of that mishap. Miss Snodgrass had an arm amputated and suffered severe internal injuries. How about a proper eulogy for the late Miss Snodgrass!

Lana Lamar has retired from the mat due to serious injuries sustained in the ring and is now an ordinary working girl in Springfield, Ohio.

Did you know that there are 3 sets of sisters in the mat game, all wrestling under different names. Vickie Lynn is the sister of Penny Banner, Rusty Ryan is the sister of Cathy Branch and Lola Lora is the sister of Mary Reynolds. Incidently, Miss Lora also wrestles under the name of Gladys Reynolds.

Penny Banner's real name is Mary Ann Kosnicki. Vicki Lynn's real name is Victoria Kosnicki. Belle Starr's real name is Patricia Penry.

Sherry Lee is a cousin of Ski Hi Lee.

Billy Wolfe was recently married to his 5th wife, and four of them have been wrestlers. His latest matrimonial mate is Gladys Reynolds, alias Lola Lora, who is just 19, and young enough to be his granddaughter. The present Mrs. Wolfe's predecessors, amongst the mat maids, were Mildred Burke (No. 2), Nell Stewart (No. 3), and LeChona LaClaire (No. 4) who all divorced the czar. His first wife was a non-pro, but their union produced two children, Billy Wolfe Jr. and Violet Viann, the latter a wrestler herself. Miss Viann, like Miss Snodgrass, also had a leg amputated as the result of an auto accident.

Nell Stewart, "the Betty Grable of Wrestling" recently came out of retirement after a two year absence. Miss Stewart, after divorcing Mr. Wolfe, married a prominent horseman and retired from the mat game to be a horse breeder and to run a racing stable.

June Byers, present world champion, was sidelined recently, with a severe arm injury, suffered at the hands of Penny Banner, during a title bout. Miss Byers, who is divorced from Billy Wolfe Jr is now married to her third husband, Sammy Menacker, who also doubles as her manager.

You might be interested to know that Phyllis Hoffman, who recently had an article under her byline on Gino Angelo and previous to that was mentioned in your magazine as being president of the Carole Kaye Fan Club, has been a pro wrestler herself since

Ray Stern, 225 pounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is enjoying a successful campaign in the West and along the Pacific Coast. Ray is a specialist in the sleeper and dropkick. He has opened two salons in the San Francisco area for women body builders.

Nick Olson, who spent 15 years in professional wrestling, holds the highest office in the American Legion ever held by a wrestler. He was elected the Department Commander of the American Legion in Panama. Olson wrestled on the Humbolt High School team with the great Frank Gotch's son. He turned pro in 1932 about the same time that the Dusek brothers were becoming known. He is now the Security Supervisor in the Panama Canal Security Force.

June of 1956. An article on her would be a welcome delight, as I think she is the first fan club prexy to make the grade in the pro ranks.

Betsy Ross has retired temporarily from the mat to become a mother for the first time.

Corine Cordero, a natural blonde, now sporting a silver hair job.

Here are some husband and wife teams active in the mat game: June Byers & Sammy Menacker; Shirley Strimple & Roy McClarity; Juanita Coffman & Clint Cody; Ada Ash & Al Szasz; Zoszka Burska & Karol Krauser; Edna Thomas & Wladyslaw Talun; Vern Bottoms & Jack Donovan; Carol Carota & Karol Kowalski; Lorraine Johnson & Mario DeSousa and Judy Glover & Davy Jons.

Yours in sports
Mattie Jones

FAN CLUB CORNER

Here are a few Fan Clubs to join. May we suggest that you don't spread yourself too thin by joining too many clubs. Pick the club you want to join and then be faithful to it.

Don Eagle Fan Club, President, Janie Swisher, 67 Waverly Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Devince Carty Fan Club, President, Alice Woodell, Route 1, Piqua, Ohio. Torres Brothers Fan Club, Co-Presidents Hilda and Bob Martin, 4969 N. Glenn, Fresno 4, Cal. Roy Shire Fan Club, President, Evelyn Elben, 784 Gilbert St., Columbus 6, Ohio. Buddy Rosen Fan Club, 4703 Sansom St., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

Bob Utter, Ring correspondent shaking hands with the tallest wrestler of them all, Paul Bunyan, the giant 8 feet 4 inches, who weighs 410 pounds.

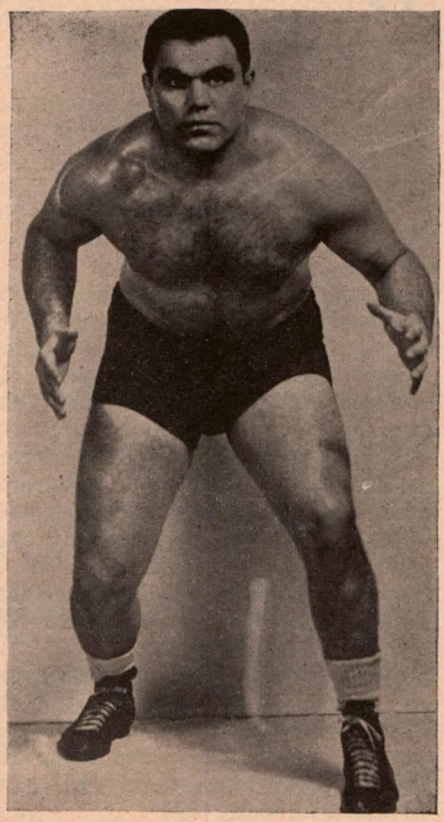
Popularity Poll

MEN

1. Antonino Rocca
2. Rickie Starr
3. Whipper Billy Watson
4. Ronnie Etchison
5. Enrique Torres
6. Verne Gagne
7. Buddy Rosen
8. Wilbur Snyder
9. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
10. Gene Stanlee

WOMEN

1. June Byers (Champ)
2. Judy Grable
3. Kathleen Wimbley
4. Princess Moolah (Champ)
5. Vicki Lynn
6. Babs Wingo
7. Penny Banner
8. Louise Greene
9. Ethel Johnson
10. Judy Glover



The Sherman tank of wrestling is Mike Paidousis, an ex-football player at the University of Tennessee. The twenty-eight year old wrestles as he played football: *"Be tough! Play it rough, play for the breaks and then pin your opponent to the mat."*

TOMMY MYLAN SHORT

Tommy Mylan, a muscular 210-pounder, was born in Sidney, Australia, 38-years ago but now makes his home in Canada.

Having been in the pro game for over 16-years, Tommy has met and defeated the best in the cauliflower fraternity. Gus Sonnenberg, a former champion in the heavyweight division; Rudy Dusek, the toughest member of the Omaha "Riot Squad," Gino Garibaldi, Wee Willie Davis, and George Pencheff have faced this fellow and found him to be mighty rough.

This 5-foot 6-inch Australian believes Frank Sexton to be the smartest man he has ever faced and Rudy Dusek the toughest.

Mylan's hobby is raising Cocker Spaniels and at present owns the champion of his home country. He also likes to hunt and fish.

Tommy is married and selects steaks as his favorite dish, other than his wife, that is. His ambition is to take the junior heavyweight championship to Australia.

Helen Hild of Tucson, Arizona, who is one of the Buddy Lee beauties being seen around the country. She is one of the best proportioned of the gals in mat circles.

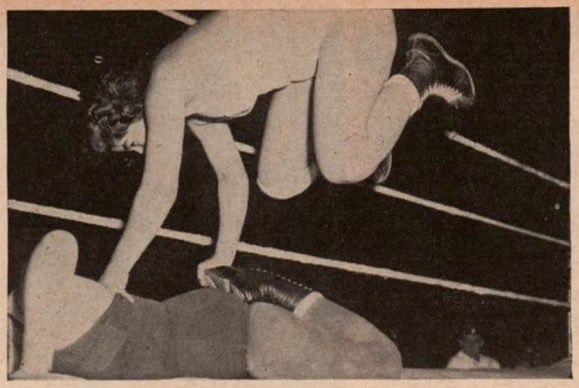
LEN ROSSI HURDLES TO WRESTLING FAME *BY VIOLA G. MAY*

With his wrestling ability plus determination to win, Len Rossi will always have a large following of fans.

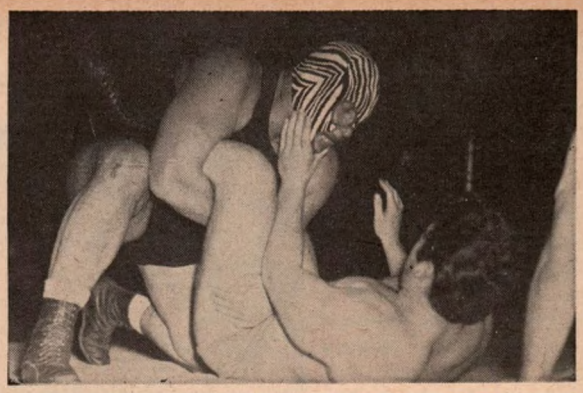
To Rossi, wrestling is a sincere business and not a plaything.

He has ground out victory after victory over opponents with years of extra experience and many with added poundage. One in particular, Cow Boy Rocky Lee, spots Len at least 100 pounds.

Rossi has appeared in Madison Square Garden on some of the shows that set record attendance.



Rita Cortez is seen going up into the ozone in order to get more leverage on the toe hold which is causing the Lady Angel so much trouble. Later in bout Rita pinned The Angel.



The Zebra Kid with a leg lock on Don Lewin. Lewin reversed the position a few seconds later to win the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Len was born in Rome, Italy, September 24, 1930. He was just two years old when his parents came to America and settled in Utica, N. Y.

His interest in wrestling began when he was a student in Junior High School. He began weight lifting at the early age of 12. He feels that wrestling can build bodies and it is known to do so more than any other sport. Weight lifting develops numerous muscles—but wrestling develops every muscle. Additional exercises and hand ball provide balance and muscle control. Bridging has developed his powerful neck, but his normal training included push-ups, knee bends and often rope skipping.

While attending Proctor High School in Utica, he was always in the sports picture. He was in all field events—especially shotput and discus. A star on the champion track team, he could run the 100 in 10 seconds. In 1948 he won the shotput crown with a heave of 49 ft.

Upon graduation Len was drafted into the Army. Stationed at Ft. George Meade near Baltimore, Md., he served as a wrestling and weight lifting instructor. He always looked forward to the day when he could win a title.

He was discharged from the Army in 1949, joining the Utica amateur wrestling team. He won the Central N. Y. Light Heavyweight Championship and during the same year won the title of Mr. Utica.

In March 1951, Rossi had his first professional match in Saratoga, New York.

For six months all matches were close to his home in preparation for his marriage on September 24 (also his birthday) 1951 to the lovely Marian Lasher. The family circle now includes Joseph, age five years and Adele around two.

Len stands 5′ 10″ and weighs 222 pounds. Wherever he wrestles he has a following of well wishers. His conduct on the mat or out of the ring is always exemplary.

An expert in water, and a real outdoor man with hunting as a favorite hobby.

SHORT ON MIKE PAIDOUSIS
BY BOB UTTER

Built like a Sherman tank, Mike Paidousis stands 5-feet 11-inches in height and weighs a solid 235-pounds!

Paidousis, a Greek lad, was born in Stubenville, Ohio, and won three letters at the University of Tennessee in football, was All-Conference tackle and twice received honorable mention on All-American elevens. He played in the Rose and Orange Bowl against Southern California and Rice.

While in college Mike drilled with such pros as Babe Zaharias, Don McIntyre, Johnny Cazana and Buddy Pappas. He spent a year working in the steel mills at Stubenville and Weirton.

The 28-year old former gridiron star has grappled in all the 48 states and Canada and has worked in over 600 bouts to date. He has faced such big names as Fred Von Schacht, Primo Carnera, Whipper Billy Watson, Mr. Moto and former champion Bobby Managoff.

The big blow of Mike's career came in 1954 while wrestling Reggie Lisowski in Minneapolis. He received a broken leg and had to be carried from the ring, but, the tough Greek, was back in action six weeks later.

General Bob Neyland, coach of the famed University of Tennessee football squad believes in one thing. Be tough! Shove it down their throats! Play for the break and then score!

This is how Paidousis wrestles. Rough, tough, and when the break comes, put your opponents shoulders to the mat.

THE AMAZING JUDY GRABLE
By JANET LAWRENCE

The pride of Miami, Florida, one of the most talked about girl wrestlers in the country today, Judy Grable is known as the "Barefoot Contessa", for she wrestles without any shoes. Her ring tactics are truly amazing. She uses her legs to great advantage, with such holds as flying head scissors, flying toe holds, fancy combinations of cartwheels and drop-kicks.

Judy was born in Hickory Valley, Tennessee, but later moved to Miami, Florida. She was born in March of 1937. She is a high school graduate, was on an all girl basketball team and won top awards for swimming, at the age of 14. She also played tennis and volley ball.

Judy became interested in wrestling

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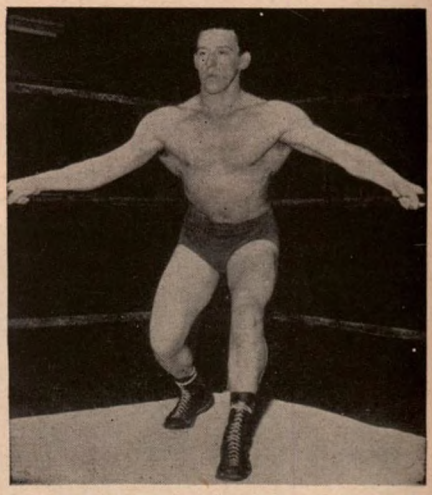

Len Rossi of Italian birth but living in the U. S. since he was two years of age began weight lifting at 12 but believes that wrestling did more to build his body than any other sport.

Violet Smith (left) President of the Wilbur Fan Club receives award for most successful Fan Club from Moolah, a champ on her own.

WAS JACKSON SLAUGHTER THE WORST?

(*Continued from page 35*)

the chin again with a right, and Thomas took a six count.

NINTH ROUND SAW TOM GO DOWN AGAIN FOR 4

Came the ninth round, and again the fading Hurricane hit the deck, this time for a four count, two hooks and a right to the jaw having furnished the immediate impetus.

In the tenth, Patterson achieved the crest of his slashing, murderous onslaught, even though he could not again send Tommy to the canvas. Jackson was decorating the ropes, a carmine picture of a desperate human at bay, when Referee Ruby Goldstein called a halt.

Many of the spectators called Goldstein "chicken hearted" for not letting Patterson land the quietus, and gain a real, old-fashioned knockout. But to have permitted that brawl to continue would have endangered Jackson's life.

Although Patterson did not actually stop Jackson, did not have him on the floor taking the deadly count, it is conceivable that Tommy took the most terrible walloping a challenger yet has absorbed.

Jackson took it, without any relief, without any break in his favor, for 28 minutes 52 seconds. The fight was stopped after 1 minute 52 seconds of the tenth.

When you consider that Jackson could not hit the champion hard even once, that he could not organize a single rally, that he was on the receiving end, constantly, for nearly half an hour, the fight qualifies for the title of the Thumping of All Time.

WILLARD TOOK BAD BEATING BY MAUMEE BOY

I was at the ringside that torrid July 4 afternoon of 1919 at Toledo, when Dempsey battered big Willard almost beyond recognition. But that massacre lasted only nine minutes, and here and there the fallen champion did manage to land a hard punch. In fact, Jess drove home a few rough ones in the third heat.

It now is maintained that Dempsey was aided by plaster of Paris which had hardened over his bandages. How else could he have given Willard that unmerciful cutting, that bloody trouncing?

It is quite certain that the most severe beating yet administered by a heavyweight champion in the shortest time was handed out to Max Schmeling by Joe Louis on June 22, 1938. The Uhlan almost was killed, and that is no over-statement, in 2 minutes 4 seconds.

Only two years previous, Schmeling had stopped Joe in twelve rounds. This rankled in the Brown Bomber. It was like a canker sore that had to be eradicated.

There was considerable ill feeling between the fighters when they met that second time in New York. Shortly after the opening gong Joe jabbed two hard lefts to the face and followed with a hook to the body. That one hurt. A right to the jaw sent the Uhlan to the ropes.

Soon Louis staggered his man with a left to the jaw, and then floored Max with a right to the chin. Schmeling took only three. Two lefts and a right to the jaw sent Max down again. A left hook and a right cross to the jaw finished Schmeling, and from his corner came the towel.

BOXER CORBETT GAVE OLD JOHN L. BAD THRASHING

Now let us bridge a big gap in years, and go all the way back to September 7, 1892, at New Orleans. Jim Corbett, the boxer, was trouncing John L. Sullivan.

The ill conditioned champion took it, and then took it some more, and finally Jim knocked him down thrice in succession. Blood was gushing from John's mouth and nose. The man whom America had called invincible, the champion who was to be champion until he retired, was a helpless hulk as he was carted off to his corner and the onetime bank clerk from San Francisco was the new champion of America.

Time marches on. Now we are at Coney Island. The date, May 11, 1900. Corbett, who had retired and then come back, was fighting Jim Jeffries, in an effort to recover the title, a trick yet to be achieved.

For 22 rounds the still clever and adroit Corbett kept dishing it out. And then, in the twenty-third, his legs gave out.

As the twenty-third round opened, Jeffries started to punish Jim the Gentleman heavily with lefts to the body.

Then Corbett rallied. Thrice he smashed his left to Jeff's bleeding face.

They sparred and they fenced, and then Corbett made a fatal error. He backed too hard into the ropes, and bounced off into a terrific left to the jaw. Time after time, while nimble Jim yet was fresh, had Jeff looked bad missing that punch. But finally Jeffries hit the target, and Corbett dropped inert.

Jeffries, the winner, had taken a classic beating from a classic boxer. Until that one fatal punch.

MARCIANO GAVE CHARLES TWO TERRIFIC BEATINGS

The saga of the terrific beating for the heavyweight challenger who stood up gamely would not be complete without mention of the two thrashings Rocky Marciano gave Ezzard Charles.

In their fifteen round battle on June 17, 1954, Charles managed to remain on his feet right to the finish. But the thumping the former champion got was about as severe as any challenger had absorbed up to that time.

In their second fight, on September 7, 1954, Charles was knocked out in the eighth round. A hook finished the fight.

Rocky was not without his own mementoes of a tough seven rounds. As the eighth opened, Marciano and Charles both landed hard lefts to the jaw. Marciano had a gash over the left eye and his nose had been sliced almost in half like a walnut.

Toward the close of the eighth, a right dropped Ezz for three, and a then came the quietus.

And so it has been, right down the years of heavyweight competition, with challengers, and champions, too, getting severe beatings and taking out of hundreds of bloodied rings cuts and gashes, wounds to be seen and wounds internal.

But it seems that of the whipped challengers, Thomas Hurricane Jackson got just about the worst walloping of them all.

THE POTENT LEFT HOOK

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curate punch. But Hawkins had been using it before Corbett.

In 1900, just after losing his title to Jeffries, Corbett met a fragile looking Kid McCoy who at best never weighed more than a middleweight. Corbett knocked out McCoy in five but said, "I have never seen a better left hook."

The kid had developed his own brand of hook. It had a twist of the wrist motion at the moment of impact that gave it greater power than an ordinary hook. It came to be known as the corkscrew punch.

Fred Fulton was a heavyweight who might have gone all the way had he not been the possessor of a weak chin. Even with this drawback, he left-hooked himself high among the heavies in the "White Hopes" era the 1913 to 1932 period. He knocked out such men as Arthur Pelky, Fireman Jim Flynn, Sam Langford, Tom McMahon, Gunboat Smith, Charley Weinert, Tom Cowler et al.

Who will ever forget the hook that Jack Dempsey blasted against the jaw of Gene Tunney in that "Battle of the Long Count?" Dempsey had a one-two

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MIKE O'DOWD PASSES

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status, met such nationally-known opponents as Silent Martin and Soldier Bartfield.

In 1916 O'Dowd began to expand his activities. Feeling that Mike was ready for top opposition. Manager Jack Reddy brought him East, where he fought with consistent success in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. During his visit to the Atlantic seaboard, Reddy arranged with Paddy Mullins to act as his eastern representative. Paddy subsequently assumed full charge of O'Dowd, and was responsible for moving him into the middleweight title.

Mike became champion in the last fight held in New York State under the Frawley law. It was on the night of November 14, 1917, that he knocked Al McCoy down a half-dozen times and stopped him in six rounds at the Clermont Rink in Brooklyn. An hour or so later, at midnight, the Frawley law passed out.

O'Dowd was a real fighting champion. He barred no opponent during his busy career as title-holder. He met 'em all—fancy boxers, rugged sluggers, dangerous punchers. With time out for army service, he crowded 27 bouts into his championship reign, and his opponents included such top performers as Mike Gibbons, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Jack Britton and Augie Ratner. Among his knockout victims were Young Fisher, Billy Kramer, Jimmy (Butch) O'Hagen, Tommy Madden, Joe Eagan and Paul Sampson.

It was a real shock when news flashed out of Boston the night of May 6, 1920, that O'Dowd had lost his title to Johnny Wilson on a 12-round decision. A skeptical world felt Mike was the victim of a "home-town decision." O'Dowd resumed his winning way, and the following St. Patrick's Night, March 17, 1921, was given a return match by Wilson, this time in "neutral" Madison Square Garden, New York. Wilson confirmed his surprising Boston victory by again outpointing O'Dowd in a close 15-rounder.

Mike seemed to fade after that. He scored a few notable victories, one of them over his fellow-townsman, Mike Gibbons, in twelve rounds in Long Island City, but his defeats were becoming more and more frequent. He reached the end of the trail in his native St. Paul on May 16, 1923, when another local rival, Jock Malone, flattened him in one round—the first and only time O'Dowd was knocked out.

Retiring from the ring, Mike became a partner in a phonograph record vending business in St. Paul, later operating a tavern there. He had been in failing health in recent years, and shortly before his passing had suffered a heart attack.

TV AMPLIFIES DECISION "BEEFS"

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for this outrage. While Greb who had nothing whatever to do with it might have defied this high-handed dictum. Harry, who barred no man, acceded, and Flowers won the title in his very next fight after the McTigue misfortune. In an added repercussion, a participant in handing down the McTigue-Flowers decision, one of the city's best known businessmen, never officiated at a fight again.

Another criticized call also terminated the refereeing career of one of our most famous champions in New York state, back in 1934 when Jack Dempsey—no less—called Barney Ross the winner over Jimmy McLarnin in a welterweight title fight. The disapproving roar that went up was Jack's swan song as a third man in the Empire State.

A much discussed *"TV decision"* was the one which accounted for Champion Floyd Patterson's only loss to date, the verdict given Joey Maxim over the Brooklynite at Eastern Parkway Arena on June 7, 1954. Despite the hue and cry among TV viewers and the almost unanimous sentiment for Patterson among the reporters present the official call was unanimous! Ruby Goldstein also refereed this one and here again it might have been a case of one stylist unconsciously favoring another, but Young Otto (Arthur Susskind) acting as a judge, gave seven of the eight rounds to Maxim! And young Otto was a hitter in his fighting days!

The Walcott-Charles heavyweight title fight in Philadelphia on June 5, 1952 resulted in a decision for Walcott, then defending champion, which many observers both *"live"* and TV thought could have gone the other way. It also brought out more TV reaction over the performance of Referee Zach Clayton then there has been over any third man since TV fights became a national pastime. Complaints and comments over Clayton ranged from his *"coaching"* Walcott to the fancy steps he executed in a most flamboyant exhibition of refereeing.

In the old days a referee rendering an unpopular decision once he made it home safely was in the clear, since the public at large had to wait until next morning for complete accounts and even then it was second hand. Now the second guessed official is a target for TV's millions any one of whom may stop him on the street days later and ask him how come.

Today, everyone is a fight expert, Grandma will neglect her knitting, Junior his homework, to catch the chance to match opinions with fight people who have been exposed to the business all their lives. Who is to say they're wrong when they disagree, since even veterans of the business can't agree on a universal scoring system for a boxing bout. Scoring systems vary as state lines are crossed.

The winner of a boxing bout, unlike the winner of a horse race or a baseball game, is not only a matter of opinion before it happens, it is often a matter of opinion after it is all over.

TV & BOXING

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With the NBC-TV network carrying the fight across the country, though not on it's New York station (WRCA-TV) the local outlet showed film clips of a number of outstanding fights, interspersing it with a running commentary on the progress of the Patterson-Jackson fight.

The promotion by Emil Lence received a bad break when there were scattered thundershowers throughout the city in the afternoon and a stand-by postponement announcement was inadvertently released by a radio station. The showers and the false alarm may have cost the promotion between $75,000 and $100,000 in ticket sales.

One friend wrote in to tell of how after driving the 220-miles distance from his upstate home to go to the fight, on approaching the city he tuned in on Station WRCA on his car radio and heard the postponement announcement. "The fight will be held tomorrow, same place, same time, etc.," he heard, as did many others, and he, naturally, did not wind up at the fight.

Boxing events were used as main attractions when Paramount Pictures Telemeter Corp., the pay-TV system, staged a huge public demonstration of its closed circuit method August 12-29 at New York's Savoy Plaza Hotel. The young Michigan welter sensation, Mickey Crawford, was one of the star attractions on the boxing part of the show.

The merry battle between Ed Sullivan and Steve Allen and their Sunday night shows invaded the boxing world when, prior to the heavyweight championship fight Allen got the champ to make an appearance while Sullivan had to be content with the challenger. But somebody in Allen's alley slipped up and didn't tie Patterson up to a post-battle performance and the rival's show grabbed the champ and referee Ruby Goldstein for the first Sunday following the bout. Allen reportedly had a verbal agreement to have Patterson on his show but manager Cus D'Amato was no doubt playing "Can You Top This."

ALL ABOUT RADEMACHER

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But Peter rallied to score four knockdowns and Referee Joe Neuding, of Poland, stopped the bout as the South African was wobbling and dazed.

Then came the final round in which the Russian, Moukhine, didn't have a chance. Apprised of a statement the Russian had made on what he intended to do to the American, Rademacher let loose with all he had and spread-eagled the Russian with a left to the jaw.

When Lev struggled to his feet after he took the mandatory count of eight, another wallop to the jaw put him against the ropes. As he leaned to regain his balance, he was deposited on the canvas again with a left hook. The Russ crashed to the floor with a thud. Only two was counted when the referee stepped in and raised Peter's hand in victory.

In his dressing room I asked him whether he intended to turn professional and the Lieutenant answered: *"No, Nat, I'm too old for that."*

But he quickly changed his mind when he returned to the States, was discharged from the Army, and had a talk with Jack Hurley.

Lieut. Rademacher is a phenomenal salesman or else he never would have succeeded in selling himself to the 21 Georgians and one New York business man who invested the sum necessary to clinch his bout with Patterson. He's glib, has a fine sense of humor, is quiet spoken and is very polite. Throughout the critical period during which he faced the attacks of the press and boxing commissions for even thinking of facing the world heavyweight champion before having engaged in a professional contest, he was never perturbed. The cynical remarks made about his "intelligence" in maneuvering himself into a world title bout, didn't visibly disturb him. He had faced such batteries during his military career and was accustomed to being subjected to criticism. He was serious about his aim, had full confidence in his ability and never faltered in the face of the attacks.

He recalled to me that he did pretty well as a street fighter, did an excellent job in his amateur competition, reached the goal of his ambition in the 1956 Olympic Games and would like to emulate the deeds of his fistic idol, Gene Tunney, by winning the heavyweight crown and retiring as the undefeated king—a feat if accomplished, greater than any in the history of pugilism.

"My grandmother came from Finland and settled in Washington," Pete told me. *"She had a daughter who ran away from home to marry a professional boxer—my father. You undoubtedly have a record of his accomplishments as Johnny Ray. He was a pretty good pugilist.*

As an amateur Peter never fought more than three rounds. He started his fighting career as an undergraduate in Washington State University. Then he entered AAU and Golden Gloves tournaments. He is his own manager, though he entrusted his pro promotion to his friend, Jack Hurley of Seattle and hired his first trainer, George Chemeres, as his chief of staff to get him in trim for the Patterson fight.

Rademacher kayoed three opponents in his first Golden Gloves competition in Tacoma, Washington and that's when Chemeres took a fancy to him and handled him in all subsequent competition. He trained for three years, then won the National AAU title in Boston in 1953, but previously had failed to make the U. S. Helsinki Olympic team.

Rademacher had 79 fights all told including his Melbourne bouts and of those amateur contests he won all except seven and of the seven losses, he later turned the tables on five of his conquerors. Before turning pro, he consulted many of his friends, some of whom advised him to go through with his plan, while others, like myself, advised strongly against it. There seemed to be an air of absurdity about the whole thing and so I told Peter. Contrary to the belief that it was all arranged through the fertile imagination of Hurley, it was Peter's own idea.

"I would like to get the feel of it," he told me in Fort Campbell. *"I'd like to have only one pro fight but it must be a championship match,"* he said. *"I can get $10,000 for one bout and then call it quits if I miss the boat."*

"Are you joshing?" I asked. *"Who ever heard of such an undertaking?"*

"Peter," I said, *"if you really want to take a stab at the pro game, I'll get you three or four four and six round fights as a test and I'll get you the $10,000. If you make a good impression, you'll have a 10 rounder and then you'll be primed for a shot at the title."*

But Peter would have none of that. He had made up his mind. He is a man of self-confidence. He felt inwardly he could lick Patterson and he went out to make arrangements for such a contest.

After he had won the AAU championship he retired and returned to Washington State to complete his education. Then he worked on his father's farm at Yakima, Wash. with his brother until he joined the Army in 1954. Though he had not boxed any for two years, he decided to tryout for the U. S. Olympic team in 1956 and knocked out two opponents to gain a place on the Melbourne squad.

Thus every fight he engaged in before an during the Olympic Games, ended in a knockout. That's what gave him the courage to hurl his hat into the ring and defy all precedence by challenging the world heavyweight king in his first start as a professional.

None of Lieut. Rademacher's bouts extended beyond the third round since that was the limit of all amateur contests. But most of them lasted two or less since he had scored so many knockouts. That should give those who have asked about his hitting ability, a gauge but knocking out first class pros is far different a job from turning the trick on first class amateurs.

As vice-president of "Youth Unlimited", an organization that sponsored the fight in Seattle by putting up the purse of $250,000 guaranteed to Patterson, Rademacher may make good use of the experience he gained in his pro debut. The organization has its headquarters in Georgia and its aim is to combat juvenile delinquency.

THE MAT WORLD

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THE WRESTLING WORLD
BY ED BRIGGS

CLEVER Ronnie Etchison, colorful 235 pound Missouri bred lad who gained national fame by winning the Pacific Coast heavyweight title a few years ago, writes from Canada to say that he's doing well. West coast mat fans miss seeing Ronnie in action as he is a colorful and sensational performer. He plans to return to the west coast and his beautiful Santa Cruz, Calif., home next April.

Recent visitor to this office in California was Mrs. Peggy Colwell, well known New Mexico mat fan and Southwest reporter for this corner. A very likeable and personable mat expert, Peg's top favorite is veteran Bronko Nagurski. She reports that Mike London is doing a fine job promoting in the N. M. area with such stars as Danny Plechas, Danno McDonald, Leo Newman, and the highly touted Garcia Brothers, Juan and Elias. Mrs. Colwell also visited with Hilda and Bob Martin, co-presidents of the Official Torres Brothers Fan Club. Lola Bishop, veep of the Torres club also received a visit from the respected New Mexico scribe. . . . My sincere thanks to Jim Cameron, newly elected president of Wrestling Fan Clubs United-World Wide, and the WFCU members for asking me to act as Pacific Coast publicity director for the WFCU. . . . Masked hoodlum El Medico and classy Pepper Gomez of Los Angeles are the new Texas Tag Team kings. . . . Sorry to hear that mat idol Ray Gunkle has become a ruffian. Ray's holding forth in Texas. . . . Luther Lindsay, classy heavyweight who has a large following all over the globe, returned from a short trip to New Zealand and Australia. . . .

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By F. W. Bishop

Halifax Forum:—TEDDY REDTOP DAVIS, 142, Hartford, stopped RICHIE HOWARD, 140, Halifax, in the eighth of a 10-round main event. This gave Davis a split in four fights in Halifax. The veteran Redtop gave Howard has worst beating of a 100-fight career. Howard has been a headliner at Halifax for 12 years but this looks like the end of the line for a great little guy. Jerry Fraser, 156, Bridgewater, N. S., pounded out a 10-round decision over tough Gordie MacDougall, 160, Sydney, N. S.

In the semi-final 6, veteran Johnny Devison, 127, Sydney, scored a knockdown in the final round to edge Bobby Duff, 132, New Glasgow. Bobby Downey, 135, Halifax, beat George Burns, 131, Halifax, in a four-round opener.

▶ Charlottetown, P.E.I.:—Blond-haired Maritime middleweight champ Coby McClusky, 158, Dartmouth, N. S., held up and coming Dick Hall, 18-year-old Boston star, to a thrilling draw in 10 rounds.

Billy Mays, 154, Boston, was outpointed by Don Trainor, 158, Charlottetown, in another ten.

Leo Steele, 131, proved too ringwise for George Burns, 132, Halifax, and scored a K.O. in the fourth. Peanuts Arsenault, 142, Summerside, won on a T.K.O. from Freddie Dunn, 142, P.E.I., in the fourth.

▶ Yarmouth, N. S.:—The first professional boxing returned to Yarmouth after a long layoff with Bob Talbot acting as matchmaker. In the 10-round feature LeRoy Jones, 128, Halifax, outpointed Johnny Johnikin, 130, New York.

Semi-final six was the show stealer as unknown Billy Nickerson, 132, Yarmouth, held Tiger Pyle, 129, Moncton, a veteran Maritime cutie, to a hard draw.

In fours, George Burns, 132, Halifax, and Lou Hillier, 132, Dartmouth, drew, while Allie Steele, 130, Sydney, undefeated in seven pro fights, beat Bobby Downey, 132, Halifax.

▶ Sydney, N. S.:—Gordie McDougall, 160, Sydney, won on a T.K.O. over Doug Odo, 153, Stellarton, in the eighth round.

Al MacLean, 160, New Glasgow, outpointed Blair Richardson, 158, Sydney, in the semi-final six. MacLean was making his first pro start after gaining experience as a simon pure around Toronto.

A second six-rounder saw Al MacKay, 138, Stellarton, K.O. Mike Ryan, 140, Whitney Pier, (4. Don Hughes, 146, beaten by Ray Mascoll, 145, Sydney, in opening four.

▶ Stellarton, N. S.:—Former welterweight champion of Italy, Paolo Melis, 155, now of Montreal, gave former German Gary Simon, 157, New Glasgow, a bad beating over 10 rounds to win a convincing unanimous decision.

Semi-final 6 saw Al MacLean, 160, New Glasgow, outpoint Jimmy Desmond, 157, New Glasgow. Jimmy Gillis, 149, New Glasgow, won from Don Hughes, 149, Thorburn, in four.

▶ HALIFAX FORUM:—Jerry Fraser, 156, Bridgewater, anxious to earn a crack at Coby McClusky's Maritime title, battered out a convincing six-round K.O. over Jackson Brown, 157, Boston. Fraser scored seven knockdowns in a wild crude but very exciting fight that had the halifax mob on their toes throughout. Fraser took the first round, then scored three knockdowns in the second; in the third it was all Brown as he beat Fraser all over the ring; one more punch would have been curtains but the terrific beating Brown had taken in the second was too much for Brown to overcome. Fraser opened the fourth with a wicked straight left: Brown hit the deck, was up at '7', ran into a left and right, that was good for a nine count; the dead game Brown held on till the end of that round, came out for the fifth full of fight, slugged it out, toe to toe till cleanly K.O. midway through the sixth.

In a co-feature 10, Keith Paris, 146, Maritime welter champ of New Glasgow, N. S., came within an eyelash of defeating unbeaten Tony Veranis, 145, Dorchester, Mass. There was one knockdown in the 10th, scored by Veranis. Fast punching Buddy Daye, 128, Halifax, looked well on his way to a K.O. win over Bobby Soares, 128, Providence, but was in turn stopped by a barrage of punches midway through the fourth.

Undefeated Len Sparks, 144, Halifax, outpointed Jimmy Gillis, 141, New Glasgow.

▶ Charlottetown:—Dick Hall, 153, Boston, outpointed Maritime champ Coby McClusky, 158, Dartmouth, over 10 torrid rounds. McClusky, a stocky blond with an awkward, bobbing, mauling style, had fought a draw with young Hall a few weeks ago.

Ace McClusky, 168, Halifax, making his first start in a number of years, drew with Billy Ryan, 170, Brockton. Ace, an older brother of Coby's, is a former Maritime middle champion.

In a rough and tough six Bud Ramsay, 150, Summerside, scored a T.K.O over Jimmy O'Malley, 155, P.E.I., in the fifth. Leo Steele, 132, Charlottetown, and Peanuts Arnenault, 138, Summerside, drew in four rounds.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By Jack Tree

Milan:—Gerhard Hecht of Berlin lost his European Boxing Union championship in the lightheavyweight division when he was defeated in the Vigorelli Stadium in Milan by Artemio Calzavara of Italy on points in 15 rounds. The German writers who attended the show all were of the opinion that Hecht was the winner and should have received the award. Although the rules state that a challenger to win the crown must have a five points margin over his opponent, there was scarcely a scribe among the visitors who had the Italian more than one or two points ahead.

Ernest Zetzman of Stuttgart lost to lightweight champion of Europe, Dulio Loi, in 10 rounds in the semi-final.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

Cape Town Sports Editor and writer, Chris Greyvenstein, has written an entertaining boxing book called "Bloody Noses & Cracked Crowns." I would recommend this book to all followers of the fight game.

Tommy du Preez, back in South Africa after a successful British campaign, TKO'd the Hollander, Pedro Klijssen in the ninth round at the Olympia Ice Rink, Johannesburg. Du Preez won very impressively.

Billy Lotter won the vacant Transvaal Welterweight title when he beat Karel Stols. Basie van Rensburg won the Transvaal lightweight title when he TKO'd Louis Klopper in the fourth round. Heavyweight: Gawie de Klerk KO'd Buddy Walker in third round. Featherweight: Charlie Els beat Eddie Zinn, TKO fourth round. Lightheavyweight: Teuns Viviers TKO'd Peter Leonard, second round.

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PROMOTING IS RISKY BUSINESS

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money any way you look at it and ordinarily a profit-making venture. But Tunney received a guarantee of $525,000 and Heeney, also on guarantee, got an even $100,000. The net receipts, after $139,483.77 federal tax and $30,108.55 state tax, came to $521,422.23. At this point not even Tunney's share was covered.

Motion picture revenue brought in $20,000 and radio revenue added another $15,000, which brought the total receipts to $556,422,23. In addition to the $625,000 in purses, Yankee Stadium rental was $52,142 and general expenses came to $35,000. The total cost of the promotion was $712,142, leaving the Madison Square Garden Corporation with a staggering loss of $155,719.77.

For the Dempsey-Willard fight in 1919, Rickard and his partner, Frank Flournoy, had the Bay View Park Arena in Toledo built, with a seating capacity of 97,000. The official attendance was only 19,650. Cost of construction of the arena was $100,000 a total of 2,000,000 feet of lumber being used. As a sporting arena the property was worthless after the bout, so the promoters sold the entire set-up to the American House Wrecking Company, the highest bidder, for $25,000.

Promoting, at best (with one eye on the weather), is a risky business where after all expenses are estimated little margin is left for error and the profit, if any, nowadays coming from the revenue derived from television.

"As one promoter, the day before his big fight, said *"Please God, if you want it should, let it rain, but* **DON'T THREATEN ME!"**

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS

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EXHIBITION TOUR FOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP

Cus D'Amato, manager of Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight champion, intends to keep his fighter busy this winter. Not only is he dickering with Lou Viscusi for a fight with Roy Harris of Cut-and-Shoot, Texas, to be staged during the winter in the oil territory, but through the veteran Charley Rose, an exhibition tour has been signed beginning shortly after the title bout with Peter Rademacher. Rose it will be recalled, has in the past booked many champions on tours. The one in which Patterson will appear, is confined wholly to Canada.

Sam Taub, an old timer in the publicity and reporting field, has been hired as private secretary for Floyd and D'Amato. The veteran New Yorker, one of the first to broadcast national boxing matches, worked at Patterson's Greenwood Lake camp as public relations director for the Patterson-Jackson bout and did the same for Patterson for his bout with Rademacher.

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Light middleweight
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Welterweight
Servilio Fuentes, Cuba
Light welterweight
Antonio Zaldivar, Cuba
Lightweight
Jorge Garcia, Mexico
Featherweight
Douglas Valliant, Cuba
Bantamweight
Heiji Shimibukuro, Hawaii
Flyweight
Ray Perez, Hawaii

BAKER COOKS ORTEGA'S GOOSE

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"Living a nice decent life and not having to worry at seeing a cop come into view was a pleasure."

When he was graduated from High School in 1949, Baker decided that the best way to keep from being involved with street gangs was to be otherwise occupied. So he joined the Lynch Center Police Athletic League and under directions of Max Bushman, began to train for the purpose of resuming his career as a simon-pure boxer. He prepared himself for the Golden Gloves tournament of 1950.

"That year he had three fights in the sub-novice welterweight division, winning them. He lost the fourth. Before terminating his amateur career in 1951, Larry had lost half of his 56 contests, by no means a distinguished record.

"That same year my mother remarried," reports the boxer. "Her husband, Ernest Board, a very nice man, works for a construction company. The couple presented me with a cute little sister, Teresa, twenty months ago."

When Larry decided to turn pro, he began making inquiries about managers. Not wishing to fall into the hands of the wrong kind, such as he had heard about, he contacted Joe Dickers, Police Athletic League boxing director and he suggested Bob Melnick as a suitable man to handle Baker's fistic affairs. But it was through his chum, Nat Hicks, that Larry met Melnick. In fact, Bob had come to see Baker in a gym workout before consenting to manage the 142-pound scrapper. Watching Larry go a few rounds with Hicks, a six-foot light-heavyweight who had captured about ten amateur titles, Melnick decided that Baker had a ring future.

"Here's an interesting episode on Nat Hicks, who boxed two years as a pro," declares Larry. "Nat and I became acquainted at Lynch Center and in time became close friends. Later on I introduced him to my sister Imogene. A romance developed between them and a year later, in 1953, the pair got married. Today, Nat, who is 29, and Imogene, 24, have two fine children."

Larry met Beatrice in 1949, when she came to New York from Glenn White, West Virginia, on a visit. They went together almost 2 years, and on May 20, 1951, the couple married. Approximately ten months later they were blessed with a son, Larry, Jr. *"We intend having a larger family,"* says Baker, *"when real dough starts coming in."*

On May 26, 1952, Larry had his first pro fight, at Laurel Gardens, in New Jersey, and won. He lost ten of 34 to date and boxed three years.

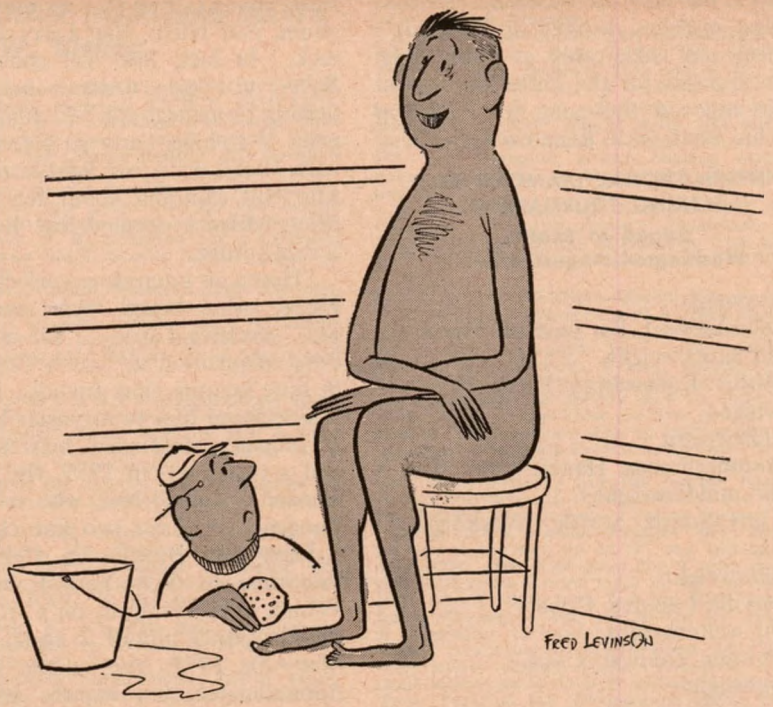
On Washington Avenue, the Bronx, where Larry lives, he's very popular. Many of his neighbors come to see him fight and to root him into winning.

Baker is a good baker, and can cook, too. He enjoys dancing and likes light classic and progressive music. His pastime is free-hand drawing, letter writing and writing short stories. "I'm not too good at the latter," he admits.

"Do I get angry at my opponents in the ring?" Larry shook his head. "I got boiling mad at only one guy in my entire career—Jimmy Carlini. In our first bout, on December 11, 1952, we fought a rough six-round draw. He thumbed me, butted and hit on breaks. He sure enough had me steaming. Less than two months later, we tangled in a return bout. It was a repetition of the first one—only worse. He got me so mad that I tried to bite him. For this, the referee took a round away from me and that cost me the fight."

Many are startled to see the Star of David suspended from a gold chain around Larry's neck. Here is the explanation for it: While employed in the Garment Center, Baker associated with young Jews. He became interested in the Hebrew religion and soon he decided to adopt the Jewish faith. He is now learning to read and write Hebrew.

"My wife is Protestant," says the bright young fighter, who speaks a little Spanish. "That's okay. Each of us respects the other's religion."



"BOY, WHAT A ROUND! I GAVE HIM EVERYTHING I HAD"

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

RAY RIOJAS, the "Cowtown Bomber" from Texas, in his first Australian fight, in Melbourne, proved a sensation. He caught Australian lightweight champion GEORGE BRACKEN cold within 50 seconds of the first round, knocking him down for a long count. From then on, it was a matter of time. Bracken fought back well—but was dropped four more times for a count before the referee stopped it in the fourth round.

▶ RUSSELL SANDS, the youngest of the Fighting Sands brothers, has been doing well for himself lately. Last month he knocked out Don McDonnell. This month he outpointed SAMMY BONNICI at Sydney Stadium. Bonnici twice had outpointed him previously. At the same Stadium, he drew with Frenchman, FERNAND NOLLET. Vic Patrick gave only the third draw of his career as a referee.

▶ U. S. visitor, BILLY HESTER, a middleweight, outpointed BILLY McDONNELL at Sydney Stadium in a hard, but unspectacular bout. Hester won with speed. He does not possess a K.O. punch, but uses his left hand like a striking snake. Unfortunately for Hester, he slaps, rather than strikes with the knuckles.

RAMON FUENTES is out here again. Now a blown-up middle, he tangled with LUIGI COLUZZI first up, the bout taking place in Melbourne. Fuentes won a rather tiresome contest.

In his second Australian contest, FUENTES was stopped by BILLY HESTER at Sydney Stadium. A cut eye was the reason for the stoppage, but he could not have won, anyway, as Hester repeatedly beat him to the punch and was well clear on points at the end of the ninth round, when Patrick halted it.

▶ Importations seem to be taking it here lately. UGO MILAN, who came out here for experience and was halted in his first bout here by Johnny Jarrett, had his second Australian outing at Brisbane and was outclassed by DICK WHITE, Australia's number one contender for our national bantam crown. The referee came to Milan's assistance at the end of the sixth.

▶ Frenchman HENRI ENTRINGER, who easily lost his opening gambit to Billy McDonnell in Melbourne a month or so ago, had another easy loss—to GRAHAM LAMONT, in Brisbane. Henri is well over the hill. He is tough—claims he never has been on the floor—but you don't get medals for toughness unless you have other attributes. Lamont won with enough points to outfit a porcupine.

▶ WARNER BATCHELOR looks like breaking Australian records in short cuts to titles. In his third pro start he stopped Australian flyweight champion, BINDI JACK at the end of the seventh. It was an overweight match and Bindi, who had not fought for several months, should be better next time around, but can't see him beating Batchelor. The Batchelor victory was in Brisbane.

▶ The same night, in Melbourne (over 1,000 miles south of Brisbane), BRUNO VISINTIN, the Italian welter who has made his home in Australia, had little trouble in outpointing brave JIMMY NEWMAN, of England.

▶ BILLY TODD, our number three welter, did not experience any trouble with Queensland welter, CURLY OSLAND, at Brisbane Stadium. Billy won by K.O. in round three and broke his hand in the process.

▶ An upset in Rockhampton. ERNIE BULL HUGHES, who was outpointed by BARRY CHALKER a few weeks ago, staked his Queensland State heavyweight title against Chalker and skittled Barry in two heats.

▶ Double bill at Melbourne Stadium. PHIL WALLACE, an Aborigine welter, had his first pro fight and outpointed ALF O'SULLIVAN in a close, willing scrap, over 12 rounds. On the other half of the bill, LES HARRISON, welter, gave away over six pounds in weight to TOMMY SLOANE, but it made no difference: Les won on points.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

Lem Miller, transplanted New Yorker now in the service here, knocked out Dan Santiago, 146, (last minute substitute for Stan Harrington) in 1:41 of the sixth of a scheduled ten round main event held at the Civic Auditorium.

The finisher was a right to the chin. Previously Miller had floored the local boy in the first round, and carried the next two rounds by comfortable margins.

Santiago enjoyed a good fifth round as he continued to force the fighting. He started off the sixth like he was out for a kayo. He staggered Miller with a good right and was swarming all over him when he walked into the knockout blow, the only solid punch Miller had thrown in the round.

The fight drew 1,779 fans for a gross of $2,575.

Lionel Rivera, 125¾, knocked out Harold Mara, 126¾, in the third. Ernest DeJesus, 130, TKO'ed Pio Kaalekahi, 135½, in the fourth round.

Philip Ortiz, 118¼, beat George Nakaoka, 118¼, 4 rounds.

Felix Aciro, 147, decisioned Sam Wailani, 142, in the four round opener.

PUT HIS FOOT IN IT
By H. D. Koslowski

LEO ESPINOSA made history here in Bangkok by being the first foreign boxer to fight in Thai style (without shoes and with the use of mainly elbows, knees and feet). He fought Thai-style bantamweight champion LAO LERTRID and was knocked out cold in the third round.

Why a ranking fighter wants to go into Thai style boxing, except maybe for the purse, is beyond me, which Nat Fleischer will most certainly second, because he had a chance while visiting Bangkok to see for himself what Thai boxing is.

LAO LERTRID never used his gloves at all but kicked LEO all over the place, following up with knees and elbows and LEO never had a chance. Not only was he knocked out completely, but for the duration of the 3 rounds (with 2 minutes rest in between) he never was able to land a single punch.

BOXING IN THAILAND
By Hans Koslowski

BILLY WALKER, NEGRO FEATHERWEIGHT FROM California, won on points over 8 rounds against Somkiat Lukmaduli after a not very exciting fight. A draw would have been the better decision.

Flash Elorde, ranking Featherweight from the Philippines, was too experienced and knocked out Thai Featherweight Champion Salika Yontrakit, in the 3rd round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe P. C. Galang

Jes Cortes, well-known sportsman, boxing promoter and former manager of Young Fernandez and Speedy Dado in America, was stabbed to death in the kitchen of the Bay View Hotel on July 27. He was stabbed by the kitchen checker, Antonio de Castro, whom he attacked with fist blows following an altercation over food orders. Jes split the lips of the checker than kicked him while down. The boy ran to the kitchen with Jes still following him. The boy raised an 11-inch bread knife from a counter as Jes came tearing in to beat him again and stabbed Jes in the left abdomen. Cortes died 5 minutes later in the hospital before help could be rendered.

▶ The Philippine Ex-Boxers Association (PEBA) which was founded by the writer last November 8, 1956 had a dinner-dance in honor of Congressman Serafin Salvador for his three Boxing Laws during the latter's three-year term in Congress. A gold medal was presented to the Congressman by PEBA president, Mamerto Besa. It was one of the most successful gatherings by boxing enthusiasts.

▶ Al Reyes, 114, was kayoed by Baby Ross, 114, in Olongapo in the second round. Jose Sembrano and Little Dado promoted it. The stadium was packed with the ringside fully occupied by American sailors and marines. In the supporting main event, Roy Compio, 120, drew with Carlos Ocampo, 120, in 8 rounds. Flash Panio, 126, also drew with Memo Diaz, 126, in 6 rounds.

▶ Leo Zulueta, 114, defeated Ely Fernandez, 112, in a 10-round bout in Bacoloa city for the benefit of the Philippine Constabulary women's club. Fernandez was not in fighting condition. Speedy Andy, 112, defeated Speedy Dado Jrs. 111, in 10 rounds. Baby Torion, 115, drew with Baby Quintin, 117, in 8 rounds. Small Visayan, 110, halted Tommy Jr., 111, in the second round. Vera Cruz, 115, outpointed Lucky Boy, 114, in 6.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Waas

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, RALPH SMITH, PROMOTER — BALTAZAR "JUNIOR" FLORES, 126, Port Arthur's brilliant young prospect, scored a sensational knockout over Jules Butch, 125, New Orleans, in the fourth round at the Sportatorium. The rock-fisted Flores remains undefeated in the money ranks.

Floyd East, 138, Lake Charles, won a split 10 round decision over the veteran Otho Sligar, 140, Houston, in the semi-windup. The victory enabled the stiff-punching Easterner to remain undefeated in 21 pro starts.

Ray Gonzales, 135, Del Rio, kayoed Carlos Saavedra, 132, New Orleans, in two heats. Dean Sherin, Port Arthur, stopped Frank Varona, New Orleans, in the second round. Dale Davis, 147, Houston, made an auspicious professional debut by beating the experienced and capable Ervin "Wildman" Chaline, 145, Lake Charles, in a good four.

▶ Houston, Texas—Texas Boxing Enterprises, Promoters T.B.E. staged four ten round bouts on July 23, with the profits going to the Babe Zaharias Memorial Cancer Fund. The gate was $6,820.

In the final ten, Wee Willie Pep, 130, Hartford, won as he pleased from aggressive and willing Russ Tague, 131, of Davenport, Iowa. Pep, once again the incomparable boxing master was in complete command.

Cleveland Williams, 205, a Georgia boy who now fights out of Houston, needed less than a minute of round one to pulverize Cliff Gray, 214, Phoenix, Ariz. It was the 34 win, 32 by kayo, in 36 money starts. Aldo Mente, 139, Niagara Falls, stopped Ray Portilla, 141, Houston, in the second round due to a cut eye.

The fourth ten went the distance, and had the fans standing practically all the way. Micky Brown, Houston's tremendous 19 year old middleweight, engaged in his first ten round bout, and edged Mel Barker, the State welterweight king, to stretch his victory string to 12 without a setback.

▶ Port Arthur, Texas, Sabine Athletic Club—Paul Jorgensen, world's ranking featherweight, returned to his hometown to box a ten round draw with Gil Cadilli. The onlookers were treated to some of the fanciest boxing seen in moons. Jorgy closed fast, but not quite fast enough. Paul scaled 129, Cadilli, 130. George Price, 160, Houston, continues to sparkle as he outboxed and outpunched tough Harold Redman, 160, Port Arthur, in a brawling six. Bobby Flores, 141, Houston, returned to ring warfare, and edged rugged Charley Saenz, 145, Pleasanton, in a four. Dean Sherin, 126, Port Arthur, beat Jerry Forche, 125, Houston, and Irvin Chaline, 145, Lake Charles, whipped Lawrence McGee, 147, New Orleans, in four.

▶ San Antonio, Texas, Jimmy Scaramozi, Promoter—Lightweight champ of the world Joe Brown, journeyed to the Alamo City, and was the winner in a good ten round battle with Gilberto Holguin of El Paso. Joltin' Joe had the edge throughout, but Holguin made it interesting.

George Peyton, 192, Houston's Blonde Bomber, stopped Elroy Tellez, 190, San Antonio, in the seventh round. George has never lost a professional fight. Norris Burse, 160, Robstown, fought to a furious six round draw with the much heavier Sgt. Matt Jackson, 174, Seattle. Jesse Gutierrez, 135, San Antonio, was the winner in five rounds over Ted Mosley, 135, Mobile. Frank Valdez, 128, stopped tall J. D. Laird, 124, Houston, in the fourth round. Laird took the fight on short notice, and was making his first start since breaking his portside mitt on April 30th.

▶ Corpus Christi, Texas, Lauro Gonzales, Promoter—Oscar Ortegon, 130, Corpus Christi, continued along the unbeaten path as he boxed his way to an eight round victory over tough Ray Gonzales, 134, Del Rio. Rudy Valdez, 120, Corpus Christi, was the victor in eight rounds over aggressive Jerry Forche, 124, Houston. Roy Donaldson, 150, edged Chief Sam Williams, 152, Houston, in a rousing four.

▶ Tyler, Texas, Cleveland Williams, 202, the Georgia dynamiter who now fights out of Houston, stacked another victim to the ever growing pile when he iced huge J. D. Marshall, 212, Shreveport, in two rounds. George Peyton, 190, Houston, flattened Barksdale Field soldier Paul Daniels, 210, in the second round. Norris Burse, 160, Robstown and A. J. McCoy, 158, Dallas, battled to a six round draw.

▶ ODDS & ENDS . . . Curt Woolwine, Beaumont's rowdy crowd pleasing welter, rounding into top shape at Roy's Gym in Houston, and may be off for a tour of Mexico shortly. . . . Ray Goodwin has a couple of fine prospects in undefeated Buck Wood, middleweight, and Dale Davis, welterweight. . . . Drop me a line at 4903 Laurel, Mellaire, Texas.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

THE RING MAGAZINE AGAIN HEAPED HONORS ON Florida fighters when in it's last issue named Don Horner and Eddie Beattie top prospects of the month in their divisions. Horner, a middleweight, hails from Monmouth, Arizona, and Beattie, a lightweight, from Canada but both have been making the Miami area their home and are regarded by the fistic fraternity down there as locals.

▶ Boxing lovers in Jacksonville were saddened recently by the passing of Maurice Goldblatt, who had been associated with some of the biggest and best names in Southern rings some years back. A former boxer, manager, trainer and second, Maurice worked with such stalwarts as Joe Knight, Bob Godwin, Chino Alvarez, Roy Schneider, Johnny Blaine, Richard Hernandez, and during World War II, with heavyweight Bill Poland of New York, stationed then with Uncle Sam's Navy in Jacksonville. Besides "Dad" Goldblatt, Maurice leaves brothes Julius and Sidney and sister, Mrs. Frank Guskey. Dear God Rest You, Maurice.

▶ Florida's history would not be complete without mentioning the fabled Fountain of Youth, supposedly at St. Augustine. Florida's discover, Ponce de Leon would turn in his grave if he knew that after several centuries it has been discovered and by one Kid Gavilan, of neighboring Camaguey, Cuba. How The Kid did it, you ask him but in boxing language a "dead man" suddenly came to "life" at Miami Beach and in the fight of a lifetime, outfought and upset Ring Magazine's highly-rated welterweight contender Gaspar Ortega in a nationally televised bout. The tabulation was like this: Referee Jimmy Peerless for Gavilan, 99-92; Judge Fred Aaronson, the same, and Judge Stu Winston for Gavilan, 97-94. Considered one of the best fights seen at the Beach, the weights of the main-eventers were: Gavilan, 153, and Ortega, a Mexican-Indian, 146½. The loss was Ortega's second in two showings here. But he can still come on down again.

Don Horner, 161, Monmouth, Arizona, celebrated The Ring's Best Prospect honor by taking a split decision over the more experienced Andy Mayfield, 160½, Miami, in the semi. The verdict was disputed. Willie (Kid) Johnson, 148½, Miami and Jacksonville, took Al Barraza, 143½, Glendale, Arizona, in a sixer. A four went to Vince Bonomo, 148½, New Orleans, over Tony Gallotta, 150½. Even, after four rounds were, Early Wiley, 182, Riviera Beach, and John Jenkins, 180, Oxford, North Carolina.

▶ Miguel Diaz and Carmine Fiore were the opponents in a 10 round clash at Miami Beach and after the finish, the verdict announced was a draw. Referee Cy Gottfried gave it to Diaz, 98-94; Judge Eddie Thal favored Fiore, 98-97, and Judge Fred Aaronson saw it 96-96. They received a good hand from the crowd for their efforts.

In the semi—a 10 rounder slated, the end came in the fourth round when Nilo Blanco, 147, Tampa, fell before the fists of Jimmy Ford, 147¾, of Miami. Ford had Blanco on deck in the first, second and third rounds. The bout was stopped the heat after. Johnny Lombardo, 166, Mount Carmel, Pa., saw his comeback go to waste. Johnny lost a split-sixer to Tommy Fields, 159¼, of Miami. Early Wiley, 185, West Palm Beach, drew in his match with Johnny Jenkins, 179¼, of Oxford, North Carolina. The crowd liked their bout. Ricco Saunders, 149½, Miami, excelled in a four with Tony Gallata, 150, of Hoboken, N. J.

▶ Deacon Washington, fighting his first main bout after 20 prelim scraps, was easy meat for Yama Bahama, of Bimini, at Miami Beach and suffered a fifth round TKO setback. Bahama weighed 153½, and the loser, from Deerfield Beach, tipped 157. The semi, between John Tombley, 139½, Hialeah, and Rocky Randell, 138½, Tampa, was good and both lads settled for a draw in the eight rounder. Don Horner, 158½, Monmouth, Arizona, needed but 50 seconds in the first round to register a TKO over Jim Finney, 150, of Miami. Bobby Allen, 130, Miami, and Eddie Ludlow, 133, also Miami, waged evenly in four rounds. John Overstreet, 161, Miami, grabbed a four rounder from Tooli Sawyer, 155, Miami.

IN MOBILE, ALABAMA
By Art Drago

MOBILE, ALA.—A gathering of almost 2000 fight fans, largest to see a card since the pro sport was resumed here in April, witnessed an eight-rounder between Guy Sumlin, Prichard welterweight, and Irish Johnny McKoin, Bastrop, La. and in a no contest decision.

Referee George Schaffer called the bout a no contest when McKoin was unable to continue after suffering a groin injury in the fifth round. Sumlin was ahead on points when the bout was called at 1:05 of the fifth.

The 20-year-old Sumlin thus continued unbeaten although he did not add to his three-victory skein. Guy lost little aside from the official's decision, however, since he clearly outpointed the favored McKoin over the five rounds. Both battlers came in at 145.

Sammy Benard, 126, Mobile, outboxed Tick Tock Tucker, 123, New Orleans, in the six-round semifinal. The loss was only the second for Tucker in 12 bouts, both of them at the hands of Benard.

Gene Hymel, 161½, a very impressive youngster in his fifth pro fight, stopped Joe Sanchez, 170, in 1:15 of the second of a scheduled four-rounder. Hymel is unbeaten.

Cheffy Reyna, 145, Houston, decisioned Bobby Evans, 140, Atlanta (4) and Marlin Moore, (147), Mobile got the judges' nod over Chico Saenz (149) Houston in another four.

The card was the fifth presented by the Mobile Boxing Enterprises and promoted by Tom Nelson.

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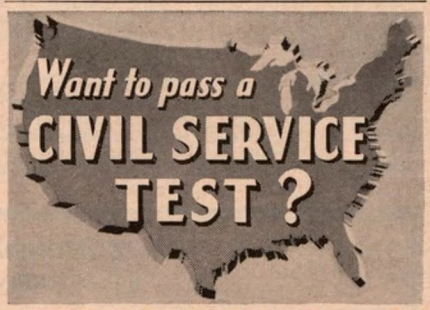

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

SOME of the month's results will cause many experts to revise their opinions on the European boxing line-up. Gerhard Hecht dropped his title to the modest Calzavara, a victim of a bad decision. It certainly seems unlikely that Calzavara could have won the title anywhere but in Italy and one could hardly classify him as the best Continental cruiser.

Jimmy Carson, conqueror of Halimi, was himself stopped by Piero Rollo and Hans Kalbfell, promising German heavy, allowed himself to be clouted into insignificance by Dick Richardson.

Wim Snoek, still campaigning in the Americas, recouped by drawing with Dogomar Martinez and has now migrated to the Dutch West Indies, while Karlheinz Guder, glass-chinned socker from Germany has won two out of three in the States.

Bob Stevens, Belgian middle, upset the dope in England by holding strong Martin Hansen to a draw and Leen Jansen was halted by Pat McAteer. Sauveur Chiocca looked bad against Jimmy Newman in Australia and Pozzali lost out to Arias in Venezuela.

Here are the month's results:

▶ **Milan,** Italy—There was good attendance at the Vigorelli Stadium when Gerhard Hecht, defending his European cruiser title against the muscular Italian champ, Artenio Calzavara, lost his crown. The latter has come a long way since he began his career in Belgium six years ago. An honest workman, he plied his gloves with fair success until 1956, when he won the Italian title. After that, Calzavara improved with every outing, losing only to Besmanoff. Nevertheless, he scarcely rated as a danger for Hecht. The German has had several unsatisfactory outings of late and in Milan, he appeared way off form.

Some of the supporting bouts were excellent. Duilio Loi gave a brilliant exhibition of boxing against the German welter, Ernst Zetzmann, and won hands down over eight rounds.

Italo Scortichini made a great impression by icing Louis Trochon, the Marseilles mulatta, in eight seconds of the opening round. A shattering left hook to the jaw did the trick.

Rocco Mazzola, who will soon meet D'Ottavio for the vacant Italian cruiser title, won clearly over Cesare Bagnoli in a six-rounder and Giordano Campari drew with Altidoro Polidori in a confused feathers eight.

▶ **Genoa,** Italy—Mario D'Agata had a very unwilling foe in Roland Roy, the Flanders bantam champion, who was repeatedly warned by the referee to show some fight. At the beginning of the seventh, Roy remained seated in his corner and the referee gave up and declared D'Agata the winner.

Other French visitors were more valiant. Roger Facqueur, fragile southpaw with a stiff clout, slammed Franco Pinto so hard that his gumshield and several teeth flew out but the Italian came back to deck the invader. Pinto's mouth was so badly damaged, however, that he had to retire in the sixth. Bernard Belli of France, fought gamely against the powerful hitting of Rocco Mazzola and lost narrowly in a cruiser eight.

▶ **Florence,** Italy—Mohamed Bonkouaci was ruled out in the ninth frame for butting in his lightie tussle with Nedo Stampi. The crowd created such an unroar that the police were called in.

▶ At **Siena,** Ilario Tanelli came through with a points win over Roberto Spina in a bantam ten and at **Leghorn.**

▶ Vinicio Ballerini slammed Carlo Mola out for the count with a right to the solar plexus in the third of a middles bout.

▶ At **Como,** Paolo Colombo won over Alberto Scipioni in a feathers eight.

▶ At **Cagliari**—The fight game is picking up again after some years' inactivity. Fortunato Manca, a local comer, soundly whipped the Spanish welter, Gil Suarez, over eight and Salvatore Boi drew with tough Dante Madella in a rugged middles eight.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland.—Michel Lombardet, classy French welter, punched out a clear win over the North African, Brahim Kettani, over ten rounds. Remo Viarengo, Italian lightie, nodded Thuillier of France over eight and Vitantonio Lionetti of Italy whipped Koci Guedjal, Algeria, in another lightie eight. Two thousand attended the program.

▶ **Casablanca,** Morocco.—Some time back, Manolo Garcia was declared to have lost in Paris to Jo Ventaja, highly-touted feather hope. The decision caused a mild scandal and a return was arranged in Ventaja's hometown. Garcia made no mistake about it this time. He shellacked the Moroccan until he could hardly stand and in the seventh heat, Ventaja was sent back to his corner by the referee.

Aristide Pozzali could do no more than draw with Charlie Bohbot in a hard-fought bantam ten. Pozzali still relies too much on fierce rushes, which led to his defeat by Young Martin. He travelled from Morocco on to Venezuela, where he lost on points to Ramon Arias.

▶ **Grosseto,** Italy—The local heavies hope, Massimo Zanaboni, was handed a very soft touch here in Herbert Waniek, the Austrian punchbag. Perhaps punchbag is too strong a term, for Waniek rarely lasts more than two rounds. True to form, the Austrian went out like a light when Zanaboni slung over his mighty right during the second session. Bertini beat Franco Strada in a bantam six.

▶ **Coutances,** France.—4000 fans invaded the local stadium to see Roger Cappato tackle Dante Bini for the latter's French bantam title. Both are of Italian descent. Bini forged ahead in the eight and slammed home with lefts and rights and finally knocked out the challenger in the fourteenth round . This result upset the book for most experts as Cappato had run up an impressive series of wins before his military service. Bini has been a transformed fighter since copping the national title. Rossi beat Carnazza in a flyweight six and Caillot whipped Martinez in a welter eight.

▶ **St. Vincent, Italy**—Prior to this title-clash with Hecht, Artenio Calzavara engaged in a trial run against Don Ellis, the clever Negro, and won easily after a good start by Ellis.

Two rivals, Mario Vecchiatto and Germano Cavalieri, put a great scrap, with victory going to the former by a narrow margin, in a lightweight eight.

Aldo Brunetti edged out Walter Sentimenti in a cruiser six and Mino Di Jasio drew with Girolamo Piai in a lightie six.

▶ **Cologne,** Germany.—An attempt to get small-time programs going here was a dismal failure. Topping the bill was Edgar Basel, who outboxed the Belgian flyweight, Toni Torrens, over six rounds, Carl van Neste, Belgian welter, was too strong for Addy Muller, who retired during the fourth round with a cut eye while Jean Milaire, Belgium, outscored Gerhard Stachowitz in a cruiser six. Karl Pinsdorf made a return to boxing after some years absence, winning over four rounds against Alex Campo, Belgian lightie. Attendance was only 500.

▶ **Sassari, Sardinia.**—Fortunato Manca kept busy by licking El Djouer, French welter, over eight rounds here whilst Angelo Piu defeated Druille in a good bantam six. Gavino Furesi returned to action with a points win over a third Frenchman, Chavez, in a feathers eight.

▶ At **Civitavecchia**—Franco Scisciani did well to whip Angelo Idi in a middles six.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy.—At the Sports Palace, Giancario Garbelli at last succeeded to the national welter throne by the disqualification of the holder, Umberto Vernaglione, in the sixth round.

In another title bout, Marcello Padovani likewise realized a long-cherished dream by capturing the lightweight title from Gaetano De Lucia over twelve rounds. Padovani is now 30, and has been campaigning for the last six years.

Imported Germans were full of surprises. Cruiser hope Otello Panunzi was over-confident against crude Gunter Huber and allowed himself too many liberties after dropping the Teuton in the fourth. Huber came back strongly in the fifth and Panunzi's corner slung in the towel. Ossi Buttner offered similar difficulties to Bruno Scarabellin but the latter boxed sensibly and won a very close heavyweight affair over six rounds.

▶ **Sens,** France.—Promising Esteban Martin came through with another good victory, stopping former flyweight champion Robert Mouginot in the eight round after nearly knocking him out in the preceding session.

At **St. Nazaire.**—Charles Coln defended his national cruiser title for the sixth time by icing Serge Leveque in the fifteenth round. The challenger had a good lead by the eighth frame but Colin, generally a slow starter, gradually overhauled Leveque and finally dropped him for two counts in the last round. Leveque was counted out although his corner slung in the towel.

In **Paris,** Christian Marchand fought his way to the challenger's post by decisioning Henri Schmid in a twelve-rounder final eliminator for the right to meet champion Robert Pollazon.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

MONTH ENDING AUGUST 20, 1957

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTER
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
3. William Besmanoff (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Hans Friedrich (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Andre Drille (F)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Mario De Persio (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Valere Benedetto (F)
6. Mino Bozzano (I)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Peter Muller (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (I)
7. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Gunter Hase (G)
8. Alain Cherville (B)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Ben Buker II (S)
9. Albert Westphal (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Umb. Vernaglione (I)
10. Jose Gonzales (S)	Jacques Bro (F)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Laouri Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jean Guerrard (F)
5. Fred Galiana (S)	Rudi Langer (G)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Andre Gasperini (F)
6. Piet v. Klaveren (H)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Jose Ogazon (S)
7. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Giordano Campari (I)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Christian Marchand (F)
8. Fernand Nollet (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Henri Schmid (F)
9. Guy Gracia (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Robert Tartari (F)	Edgar Basel (G)
10. Bobby Ros (S)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Fernando Sota (P)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; P Portugal; S Spain; SW Sweden.

▶ **Bagnolet**—Rene Barriere got the better of Moussa Saad in a torrid feathers ten.

▶ **Madrid**, Spain.—The Portuguese do not boast of many fistic greats. In fact, they have never captured a European crown. But little Fernando Sota, unknown outside Portugal, led highly-touted Juan Cardenas a fine dance here. Cardenas, who went the distance with D'Agata and boasts a good record, has not been the same since his crushing defeat by Raton Macias. The verdict of a draw was badly received.

Juan Crespo was more fortunate in his return bout with Belarmino Fragoso and this time obliged the Portuguese feathers champ to retire in the fifth.

▶ **Marseilles**, France.—The local feathers prospect, Gracieux Lamperti, achieved a solid win here by outscoring tough Aldo Pravisani in a hectic ten rounder. In three lightweight scuffles, Giuseppe Marotto trimmed Salah Rezqui over eight, Andre Corvasce laced Adrien over six and Elio Busetto, Italy, retired with a cut eye in the fourth round of his bout with Mohamed Omari. At **Selles sur Cher**, Jean Guerrard won by a wide margin over Jean Delplace in a rugged flyweight ten.

▶ **Grosseto**, Italy. Massimo Zanaboni tackled tougher opposition when he met big Robert Warmbrunn here. Zanaboni hammered the Bavarian for the first four rounds but tired in the last two heats and the verdict went to the local. Dom Baccheschi continued with his comback by icing Widmer Milandri, former middles king but now a veteran of 34, in two rounds. Bertini beat Pompeo Cicognani in a flyweight six.

▶ **Madrid**, Spain.—For a few moments it seemed as if the comeback of Fred Galiana had come to a sudden halt when he was sent crashing to the canvas by Louis Carrara in the second round of their meeting. The Toledo Blade staggered to his feet and suffered a pasting from the French battler for another round. By the fourth, he was himself again and demonstrated tremendous hitting and excellent timing and Carrara was obliged to retire in the ninth with a badly cut eye.

In a return bout, Francesco Frances won by a narrow margin over the German middle, Heinz Sattler, over eight rounds.

▶ **Vienna**, Austria.—After a very long silence, the City of Waltzes once more gave news of fistic activity with that scarred veteran, Leo Starosch, topping the bill against newcomer Hugo Kohler. Starosch was dropped early in the opening round with a left hook, went down again and then took such a hammering that his corner slung in the towel before the round was finished.

▶ **Rome.**—At the Palace of Champions, Sergio Caprari had some difficulty in gaining a points win in ten rounds over Ali Oura, the Algerian feather who has done so well in Paris.

Umberto Vernaglione was once more ruled out for butting, this time in the seventh round of his welter scrap with Stefano Bellotti while in another welter affair, tough Franco Vescovi, back from Australia, punched out a good win over Luigi Male in ten rounds.

Annibale Omodei got the better of Renato Giacche in a fast lightweight eight and Tony Borraccia was held to a draw by Giuseppe Mangiarelli in a feathers six. Piero Torreggiani trimmed Agostino Cossia in a feathers six.

▶ **Portorecanati**, Italy.—The Franco-Polish bantam, Stan Sobolak, made a good impression here against Federico Scarponi, whose star would appear to be dimming somewhat. After ten rounds it was Scarponi's fight but the visitor got a good hand from the crowd.

▶ At **Alghero**, Salvatore Burruni scored a triumph over his old rival, from amateur days, Giacomo Spano, in a hectic flyweight six.

▶ At **Cagliari**, southpaw Piero Rollo gained the right to be considered as a worthy rival for Alphonse Halimi by stopping the Irish bantam, Jimmy Carson, in nine rounds here. Rollo has long campaigned with success in Europe but suffered a disastrous knockout last year in Mexico at the hands of Ojeda. The Irishmen, it will be recalled, recently stopped Halimi in a non-title affair in London.

POTENT LEFT HOOK

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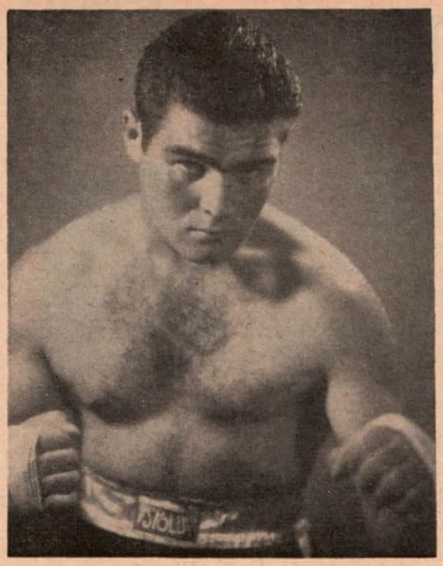
combination, a right to the body and left to the head that carried him to the heavyweight crown. His left hook was the finisher.



Massimo Zanaboni, young Italian heavyweight prospect, who had easy time demolishing Austrian Herbert Waniek in two rounds but met stiffer opposition in edging out close decision over German Bobby Warmbrunn in six.

CHOYNSKI TAUGHT SHARKEY ONLY TOO WELL AS HOOKER

Joe Choynski never won a crown but he fought them all.

In his eighth year as a pro, having met Corbett, Fitzsimmons, and having had an exhibition with the Great John L, Choynski made a bet that he could stop the heralded Tom Sharkey.

Said Joe, *"I'll wager that I can belt Sharkey out of the ring inside of eight rounds."*

They met on April 16, 1896. The fight went eight rounds with Joe declared the loser because he had failed to keep his contract. He didn't kayo Tom in eight or less rounds. They met again in 1898 and went to an eight round draw.

After this contest Choynski and Sharkey became the best of friends and often worked out together at the gym. Sharkey asked Joe to teach him his left hook. Choynski agreed and proceeded to make a left hooker out of Sharkey.

Two years later, in 1900, at Chicago, the boys were matched as a good attraction. The fight lasted two rounds with Choynski being belted out.

In his dressing room Joe made a rueful face. *"I taught him too good. Every time I started a left hook, he beat me to it."* He laughed, *"Imagine teaching a guy to beat your brains out."*

The list of good left hookers could fill a book. Tom Gibbons was a tough man to beat with his hooks to the body and head. Jimmy Slavin had a snappy left hook that made him more than a little dangerous. Jack Zivic, the first fighter to ever knock out Lew Tendler, had a left to be reckoned with.

Coming up through the years one recalls left hooks that almost halted a star in his tracks. There was the evening that Fidel La Barba and Bud Taylor met in Chicago. La Barba, now a sports writer in California, got pasted with one at the opening bell. He barely made it to his feet at the count of nine. He recovered and went on to win on points. But one left had almost ruined his chances.

SINGER QUICKLY WALKED INTO TONY'S KILLING HOOK

There was the evening of November 14, 1930 when an eager Al Singer was out to take Tony Canzoneri's lightweight title away from him. Before anyone could get comfortable, Singer had walked into one of Tony's left hooks and it was all over.

More recently, there was that "bad boy" from Brooklyn, Al "Bummy" Davis. His fights were all action with his crude left hooks reaching the heights that night he kayoed Bob Montgomery in one session at Madison Square Garden.

Was there a more devastating left hooker than the ex-featherweight boss Sandy Saddler? He could cut them to ribbons with that rapier-like left.

Percy Bassett, recently a top contender in the featherweight division, was a tough man to beat when he had that big left hook working.

Rudy Garcia, California featherweight, has gained recognition mainly through the snap in his left hook.

Willie Troy is one of the toughest and most dangerous hookers in the game. As a counter puncher he can bloop the top right off an opponent's head.

A fighter to be feared by opponents because of his sharp left hooks is Joe Miceli, now a welterweight, who a few years back was climbing on the backs of the best lightweights in the world.

Franz Szuzina, a middleweight imported from Germany and seen on national television, and who defeated Virgil Akins, is one of the current dangerous port side flingers.

Bob Satterfield, Gene Fullmer, Charley Humez, Rory Calhoun, Willie Vaughn, Tony DeMarco, Hogan Kid Bassey and Jose Cotero are some of the top rated fighters in action who toss explosive blows that come under that category.

Outstanding among the active men is the heavyweight champion of the world Floyd Patterson, whose most effective punch is his left hook. He has accomplished his worst damage with this weapon. Ask "Hurricane" Jackson.

Regardless of the outcome the left hook will play a most important part in the battle between Basilio and Robinson when they meet in the Yankee Stadium.

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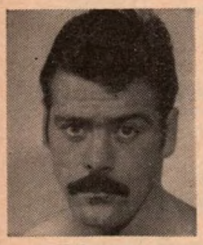


GERMINAL BALLARIN

Hard punching French Middleweight threat. . . . Is number one contender for European title. . . . Made impressive showing in American rings beating Bob Provizzi and losing close fight to Rory Calhoun . . . 28 years old. . . . Born in Luxembourg. . . . Had a long and successful career as an amateur before turning pro in 1950. . . . Has lost only 7 of 55 fights, scoring 23 K.O.'s. . . . Has never been knocked out. . . . Has won from Kid Gavilan, Don Ellis, Claude Milazzo, Gino Rossi, Gilbert Stock, Louis Trochon.

KID GAVILAN

"The Cuban Hawk." . . . Former welterweight champion of the world. . . . Made a great showing in his last fight upsetting Gaspar Ortega. . . . A colorful, popular performer. . . . Has scored 105 victories in 134 bouts, 29 kayos. . . . 31 years old. . . . Won title by beating Johnny Bratton, lost title on disputed decision to Johnny Saxton three years later. . . . Has been seen on television more than any active fighter (42 times). . . . Holds wins over Carmen Basilio, Billy Graham, Ralph Jones. . . . He has never been stopped.

JOHNNY BUSSO

Sharp puncher, young lightweight from New York's East Side. . . . Shot into the top ten with easy win over Larry Boardman. . . . A good puncher with an action packed style. . . . Born 23 years ago in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. . . . Has only limited amateur experience. . . . Fighting as a pro since 1952. . . . Lost only one of his first 22 bouts. . . . Boasts 30 triumphs in 35 bouts, with 14 kayos. . . . Has defeated Orlando Zulueta, Johnny DiGilio, Tommy Salem, Dennis Pat Brady, Frankie Ippolito, Tommy Elder, Rocky Randell.

HAROLD GOMES

Hard hitting featherweight comer from Providence, R. I. . . . Has lost only three of 41 bouts, all to Tommy Tibbs, whom he has defeated three times. . . . A strong, willing puncher he has scored kayos over Bobby Rogers and Lulu Perez in two TV bouts. . . . 24 years old. Made pro debut in 1951, won twenty-one straight before losing. . . . Has kayoed Charley McGarrity, Pat Marcune, Black Pico, Joe Wilkerson, defeated Bill Bossio, Johnny O'Brien, Art Mullin, Filberto Osario. . . . New England featherweight champion.

IKE CHESTNUT

Number two ranking featherweight contender. . . . Has made a brilliant comeback in 1956 with wins over Gil Cadilli, Lauro Salas and kayo of Kid Anahuac to reach heights. . . . Born in Birmingham, Alabama 27 years ago, now lives in New York City. . . . Was an outstanding amateur before launching pro career in 1953. . . . Has won 27 of 38 fights with 3 draws. . . . A good, fast puncher, he has scored only four kayos, but has stopped Carmelo Costa, and beaten Tommy Tibbs, Tommy Bain, Russ Tague.

INGEMAR JOHANNSON

European heavyweight champion. . . . 24 years old, born in Sweden, 6 ft. 2 inches tall, scales over 200 pounds. . . . Number eight ranked heavyweight. . . . Undefeated as a pro in 17 fights. . . . Lost in finals of 1952 Olympics to Ed Sanders on a disqualification. . . . Boxed in U. S. as an amateur in 1951. . . . Has kayoed Franco Cavicchi to win title, also Peter Bates, Hein Ten Hoff, Henry Cooper, beaten Joe Bygraves, Hans Friedrich, Uber Bacilieri. . . . Rated as top Scandinavian fighter since Gunnar Barlund.

YVON DURELLE

Canadian and British Empire light heavyweight champion. . . . Comes from a fighting family, father and five of his brothers were fighters. . . . Scored tremendous upset by holding Tony Anthony to draw. . . . A fisherman by trade. . . . Father of three children. . . . Has been fighting as a pro since 1950. . . . Has won 41 of 60 fights. . . . Now is the fourth ranking contender. . . . Has beaten Angelo DeFendis, Gordon Wallace, Chubby Wright, Clarence Floyd. . . . A rough, tough mauler with a crowd pleasing style. . . . Has lost only 2 of last 15 bouts.

HAROLD JOHNSON

Once again the top light heavyweight challenger. . . . 28 year old veteran contender. . . . Son of a former fighter who like Harold was kayoed by Jersey Joe Walcott. . . . Made pro debut in 1946 and has won 52 of 60 fights, with 24 kayos. . . . Came within a hair of winning 175 pound crown from Archie Moore in 1954. . . . Holds wins over Ezzard Charles, Bob Satterfield, Archie Moore, Clarence Hinnant, Nino Valdes, Jimmy Bivins, Arturo Godoy, Clarence Henry, Paul Andrews. . . . A master boxer-puncher with loads of class.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

CHARLEY JOSEPH

Top flight middleweight contender. . . . A flashy boxer, with a powerful sock. . . . Tall and talented. . . . 24 years old. . . . Began pro career in 1951. . . . Won first 23 bouts before losing to George Benton. . . . Has lost only six of forty-six bouts, scoring 16 knockouts. . . . Served two years in the Army in Japan and Korea. . . . Has kayoed Moses Ward, Sammy Walker, Jesse Turner, Jimmy Beecham, defeated Spider Webb, Milo Savage, Willie Vaughn, Holly Mims, Charlie Cotton, Georgie Johnson, Al Williams.

CARLOS ORTIZ

Undefeated young lightweight comer. . . . Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 21 years ago. . . . Now lives in New York City. . . . Compiled an impressive record as an amateur before turning pro in 1955 has posted twenty-four in a row with nine kayos. . . . A member of National Guard. . . . Has recorded victories over Tony DeCola, Felix Chiocca, Phil Kim, Gale Kerwin, Tommy Salem, Mickey Northrup, Lou Fillippo, Bobby Rogers. . . . A fast, clever boxer with a solid right hand sock. . . . On the verge of the elite circle.

DUILIO LOI

European lightweight champion and number one contender for world's crown. . . . Has not lost a fight since 1952, when he lost to the then European titleholder Jorgen Johansen. In 81 bouts career going back to 1950 has lost only this once. . . . This 28-year-old boxer-puncher defeated Glen Flanagan in only American fight in 1955. . . . Holds wins over Orlando Zulueta, Ray Famechon, Felix Chiocca, Seraphin Ferrer. . . . Has defended his European crown seven times since winning it in 1954.

CHARLEY (TOMBSTONE) SMITH

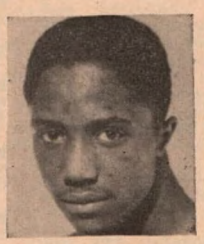
California State welterweight titleholder. . . . The world's fifth ranking contender. . . . Learned his boxing while in the U. S. Navy. . . . Born in Waco, Texas in 1933. . . . Lost first fight as a pro, but since has been defeated only once in 26 fights, scoring 11 kayos. . . . Very popular with Hollywood Fans. . . . Has defeated Charlie Sawyer, Marcel Pigou, Joe Miceli, Don Jordan, Al Williams, Barry Allison, Jimmy King, Giancarlo Garbelli, Dave Cervantes. . . . Rated by many experts as best fighter on West Coast.

ALEX MITEFF

Newest heavyweight sensation. . . Won Pan-American Games amateur title in 1954. . . . Had record of 126 wins in 140 simon pure fights before making pro debut in 1956. . . . Has won eleven straight bouts with Willi Besmanoff, Archie McBride, Julio Mederos, Bob O'Brien and Fernando Fala his top victims. . . . A strong, willing puncher he has become a favorite with the fans wherever he fights. Alex, a recent bridegroom, is 23 years old, stands 6 feet 1 inch and weighs over 200 pounds. . . .

FRANZ SZUZINA

Rough, tough, crowd-pleasing German middleweight now fighting out of Long Island, N. Y. . . . Scored upset win over ranking welterweight Virgil Akins in recent start. . . . Since making American debut in 1956 has had 16 fights, winning over Charlie Cotton, by a knockout, Pedro Gonzales, Curtis Bruce, Al Andrews, Moses Ward, Georgia Kid, and drawn with Cotton and Bob Provizzi. . . . Has also beaten Willi Besmanoff, Jimmy King, while winning 40 of 71 with 13 draws. . . . Has fought all of European stars.



DAVEY MOORE

Small, TNT puncher from Springfield, Ohio. . . . 23 years old. . . . Born in Lexington, Ky. . . . Won the National A.A.U. Bantamweight championship in 1952. . . . Had an outstanding record among the simon-pures. . . . Made debut as a pro in 1953. . . . Has turned in 26 wins in 32 fights with 12 kayos. . . . Now the number six ranking featherweight. . . . Holds wins over Gil Cadilli, Isidro Martinez, Jimmy DeMura, Pedro Tesis, Eddie Burgin, Charley Riley, Ray Riojas. . . . A real crowd pleaser. . . . One of the best new faces of 1957. . . .

GIL TURNER

Veteran Philadelphia, Pa., crowd pleaser, has capped his comeback with wins over Yama Bahama and Del Flanagan to regain a place among the top ten welterweights. . . . 27 years old, started pro career in 1950 with 31 straight wins. . . . Has won 54 of 70 bouts, with 35 K.O.'s. . . . Has defeated four world champions, Beau Jack, Ike Williams, Gene Fullmer, Johnny Saxton, also Joe Miceli, Jackie LaBua, Charlie Fusari. . . . Has faced all of the top middle and welterweights. . . . Never in a dull fight.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

BETO GONZALEZ, 134, DECISIONED CARLOS ARREGUI, 135, in 10. Eduardo Guerrero, 118, stopped Chiquilin Torres, 118, in 4. Rosendo Martinez, 120, decisioned Papelero Rodriguez, 119, in 8. Memo Balderas, 117, decisioned Apolinar Anaya, 119, in 6. Ricardo Vergara, 124, decisioned Yoyo Trejo, 125, in 4.

▶ Cuban Orlando Reyes, 116, fourth place in The Ring's bantamweight ranking, was too clever and too experienced for local Jose Luis Mora, 117, and stopped the latter in 9. Chocolate Barrera, 115, stopped Manuel Rodriguez, 119, in 6. Emilio Olivares, 124, decisioned Gabriel Navarro, 126, in 8. Guillermo Gonzalez, 123, decisioned Erasmo Garcia, 119, in 6. Tony Alvarez, 116, drew with Pablo Garcia, 118, in 4.

▶ Cheto Fernandez, 117, decisioned Mario Ruiz, 114, in 10. Eloy Sanchez, decisioned Jorge Salazar, 117, in 10. Vincente Leonardo, 134, decisioned Salomon Coronel, 134, in 8. Ray Martinez, 136, decisioned Roman Perez, 135, in 6. Nicolas Rangel, 125, decisioned Pablo Mejia, 127, in 4.

▶ Mauro Vazquez, 127, a brilliant prospect who has won all his pro matches by KO, stopped Manuel Jiminez, 125, in the tenth and last round of the fight. Lalo Camarena, 127, decisioned Giraldo Bacho, 125, in 10. Chucho Arreola, 118, decisioned Tibico Torres, 114, in 8. Raul Gomez, 150, decisioned Chatito Alvarez, 141, in 6. Tony Lopez, 118, decisioned Erasmo Castaneda, 115, in 4.

▶ Kid San Martin, 117, decisioned Babe Navarro, 124, in 10. Roberto Pena, 145, stopped Enrique Saavedra, 147, in 3. Luis Gallegos, 119, and Marcel Montoya, 115, drew in 8. Pancho Rubio, 127, decisioned Lecherito Castro, 126, in 6. Samuel Gonzalez, 126, stopped Miguel Angel Pineda, 127, in 3.

▶ Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 119, national bantamweight king, looked fast and clever and clearly outpointed Jorge Manjarrez, 126, in 10. Tony Alamillo, 125, stopped Roberto Ramirez, 129, in 8. Gabriel Herrera, 126, decisioned Chebo Vazquez, 127, in 8. Juan Levva, 133, decisioned Tony Arizmendi, 128, in 6. Kid Alvarado, 133, drew with Guero Lopez, 133, in 4.

▶ Mario de Leon, 109, decisioned Roque Fernandez, 112, in 10. Enrique Castillo, 126, decisioned Emilio Olivares, 126, in 10. Manuel Rojas, 118, decisioned Erasmo Garcia, 123, in 8. Alfonso Palma, 105, decisioned Chucho Guzman, 109, in 6. Arturo Fierro, 134, decisioned Pomoy Gonzalez, 130, in 4.

▶ Rudy Coronado, 122, stopped Raul Leanos, 118, in 5. Genaro Serafin, 124, decisioned Joaquin Carrillo, 127, in 10. Ranchero Ruiz, 139, stopped Enrique Gasca, 142, in 7. Samuel Gonzalez, 121, decisioned Juan Escobar, 122, in 6. Indalecio Quintero, 123, stopped Enrique Garcia, 121, in 3.

▶ Nacho Escalante, 115, decisioned Kildo Martinez, 116, in 10. Indio Conde, 128, decisioned Chino Rodriguez, 133, in 10. Humberto Vilchis, 133, stopped Kid Tlaxcala, 134, in 4. Alfonso Lima, 127, stopped Enrique Valencia, 124, in 3. Guillermo Vega, 118, stopped Fakir Lopez, 118, in 2.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ALFONSO CUE FLORES, 22 YEARS OLD, AND A REAL PRODUCT of our boxing, is now the National middleweight champion. The kid, clever and fast as ever, outboxed Jorge Castro during 12 rounds. Of course, the fans packed the Torreon Bullfight Plaza and cheered the fighting Plumber. Alfonso Flores, a clean boy, is the first local prizefighter to get a National Title.

▶ PLAZA DE TOROS, TORREON:—Angel Guerrero, 123, was too fast for Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 130, and got a clean 10-round duke. Manuel Munoz, 141, stopped Monterrey Babe Vazquez, 137, in five rounds. Miguel Perez, 137, decisioned Babe Mar II, 139, in eight. Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 119, kayoed Abundio Amador, 119, in two. Azucarito Zermeno, 110, halted Roberto Ramirez, 116, also in two.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, GOMEZ PALACIO:—Claudio Adame, 119, the husky mulatto, floored veteran Jorge Gabino, 119, five times and finally stopped him in the seventh. Tommy Ramirez, 165, nailed Nacho Santamaria, 164, in five rounds. Octavio Salas, 135, KO'd Ray Mejia, 136, in the very first round. Juan Garcia, 126, stopped Pedro Zapata, 127, in the second. Javier Gonzalez, 120, iced Babe Duran, 119, in two.

▶ PLAZA DE TOROS, TORREON:—Raul Anchondo, 134, surprised the gang when he hooked his left under Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 137, chin and sent the Torreon lightweight king to sleep in only three rounds. Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 117, our best prospect, put the red light to Ernesto "Chamco" Hernandez, 115, in three rounds. Juanito Rivera, 117, stopped Vicente Garcia, 121, in the fifth. Ubaldo Lopez, 123, beat veteran Hector Arenas, 126, in six. Rodolfo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 117, decisioned Agustin Contreras, 118, in four.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, GOMEZ PALACIO:—Luis "Tejon" Contreras, 132, tough and rough Mexico City veteran, was too clever for youngster Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 135, and bested the newcomer in ten hard rounds. Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 115, a real good prospect, embalmed Augustin "Diablito" Campos, 114, in the very first round. Al Olivera, 134, knocked out Octavio Salas, 136, in the fifth. Javier Gonzalez, 117, stopped Tony Prieto, 118, in three. Oscar Salazar, 108, bested Manuel Saavedra, 109, kid brother of Cesar Saavedra, in four rounds.

▶ PLAZA DE TOROS, TORREON:—Alfonso Flores, 152, convincingly outpointed Jorge Castro, 152, National middleweight champion, after 12 well-fought rounds. Flores, the clever Plumber boy of Torreon, is now the champion of Mexico. In the scheduled 10-round semi, Arturo Lopez, 133, cut across Lucio "Borracho" Gonzalez, 131, right eyelid to get a 6-round TKO triumph. Babe Salazar, 112, decisioned Fernando Ortiz Villa, 117, in six. Javier Puentes, 119, bested Vicente Flores, 127, also in six. Antonio Medina, 121, stopped Sergio Torres, 120, in the second. Seven thousand fans packed the house.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Lalo Duque, 133, a newcomer, outpointed rough veteran Luis "Tejon" Contreras, 130, in ten rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Chuy Rodriguez, 119, halted Gallito Reyes, 119, in the fifth.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Chiquis Rosales, 117, bested Ray Ruiz, 118, in ten. Vicente Maced, 126, iced Tony Arizmendi, 129, in five rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Pedro "Patitas-Chuecas" Garcia, 120, won a decision over Henry Morales, 121, in ten rounds.

▶ TIJUANA:—Joe Becerra, 118, halted Kid Irapuato (Ramon Perez), 121, in eight rounds. Saul Becerril, 117, stopped Mario "Torito" Aguilar, 118, in four.

▶ REYNOSA:—Joe Medel, 116, nailed Chucho Gonzalez, 120, in nine rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Luis Gutierrez, 117, bested Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 119, in ten.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 146, National welterweight champion, and Jess Bogart (Jesus Rangel), 145, were thrown out from the ring for a 8-round No Contest.

▶ MEXICALI:—Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, 124, and Pelon Duran, 125, drew in ten rounds. "Pelon" means hairless in English. So, this was the Hairless Fight.

▶ MONTERREY:—Julio Escobedo, 130, strong as always, decisioned Tommy Elder, 133, in ten fast rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Ramon Gonzalez, 126, got the 10-round duke over Tony Alamillo, 125.

▶ REYNOSA:—Ray Zamora, 130, got the 10-round duke over Americo Rivera, 127. Juan Mendoza, 114, Monterrey willing mixer, stopped Chaparro de Leon, 117, in eight.

▶ TIJUANA:—Al Wilcher, 118, and Pat Supple, 117, drew after ten rough rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Reyes Lopez, 139, halted Enrique Gomez, 136, in only two rounds. Carlos Orendain, 125, bested Joe Tinoco, 127, in ten.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Raul Solis, 129, former National flyweight champ, was most unfortunate in his scheduled ten-rounder with Kid Aztequita, 133, for after being well ahead on points he suffered a dislocated right hand in the eighth round and was forced to retire. Before his misfortune, Solis had floored his foe in the third.

▶ MEXICALI: Ezequiel "Chicles" Uribe, 136, was too clever for Jimmy Feaster, 139, and he got the 10-round unanimous duke.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Genaro Serafin, 126, outscored Babe Alonso, 128, in ten.

▶ MEXICALI:—Don Jordan, 142, put his powerful right over Arnold Hill or Arnoldo Gil, 145, and he sent the Sonora's Proud to sleep in two rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Cachorro Meza, 124, put the red light across the comeback campaign of Pedro "Patitas-Chuecas" Garcia, 123, in only two rounds.

▶ MONTERREY:—Chucho Mejia, 128, surprised everybody when he whipped heavily favored Davey Walden, 130, in ten rounds. With this triumph, Mejia is ready to face any of Mexico's lightweight topnotchers.

▶ MAZATLAN:—Here is that busy Cuban again! Manuel Armenteros, 120, Havana, iced Roy Hernandez, 126, in five rounds.

▶ AGUASCALIENTES: — Nacho Escalante, 115, nailed Marcelo Gonzalez, 120, in five.

▶ IRAPUATO:—Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 125, stopped Kid Laredo, 127, in the third. Roberto Pinon, 133, kayoed Kid Costeno, 135, in four.

▶ ACUNA:—Eloy "Elephant" Tellez, 170, kayoed Carlos Martinez, 163, in four rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Cute boy Fidel Hernandez, 139, tough, rough as always, had little trouble to get the 10-round duke over slow and torpid Julio Escobedo, 131.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Carlos Cardoso, 117, son of famous Enrique Cardoso, scored a very good triumph when he decisioned Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 115, former National flyweight champ, in ten fast rounds.

▶ MONTERREY:— Americo Rivera, 128, got a 10-round decision over Angel Guerrero, 125.

▶ TIJUANA:— Don Jordan, 145, put Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 150, to sleep in the very first round.

▶ MATAMOROS:— Enrique Esqueda, 145, embalmed Luciano Gonzalez, 141, in four rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:— Chiquis Rosales, 117, outpointed Eduardo Guerrero, 119, in ten. Vicente Macedo, 123, stopped Al Alfaro, 126, in seven rounds.

▶ MONTERREY:— Marcelo Vargas, 134, the Durango slugger, nailed Johnny Guevara, 136, in three rounds. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 115, also from Durango, decisioned Rafael Sotelo, 116, in the 10-round semi.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

▶ **LUNA PARK:—(BUENOS AIRES):—FEATHERWEIGHTS RAUL VARGAS** and Adrian Servin, drew in 10 rounds. Receipts: $24,975.

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Babilonia Stadium, and challenger of the champion Andres Bishop in the third round. Receipts: $3,300.

▶ Mar del Plata:—Tito Yanni, middleweight and challenger of the champion Andres Selpa, kayoed Alberto Benassi in five.

▶ Posandas (Misiones):—Bantamweight German Escudero won on points over Kid Pascualito, 10 rounds.

▶ Bahia Blanca:—In the "Salon of Deportes," welterweight Demetrio Flores was kayoed in the second round by Juan Tassara.

▶ Luna Park:—Buenos Aires:—Undefeated lightweight Osvaldo Canete kayoed Gregorio Oliva in the third and Panamanian welterweight Frederick Thompson kayoed Oscar

Ramirez, in six. Attendance: 8,457 and $134,446 receipts.

▶ Cordoba:—The featherweight champion of Argentina, Ricardo Gonzalez, kayoed Humberto Novoa, in four.

▶ Buenos Aires:—At Babilonia Stadium, flyweight Carlos Miranda won on points in an intensely disputed contest in 10 rounds over Ricardo Valdez, and a new prospect in the lightweight, Carlos Quintana, won on points, 10 rounds over Guillermo Memdoza.

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Luna Park, middleweight Ubaldo Sacco, in a very disputed fight, got the decision over Miguel Rodriguez. Attendance: 1,499 and $23,836 receipts.

▶ Cordoba:—Middleweight Oscar Rojas kayoed Marcelo Videla in nine.

▶ In Babilonia Stadium, the flyweight champion of the world, Pascual Perez, won on points, 10 rounds (non-title), over Luis Jimenez. It was a hard fight. Attendance: 3,800 and $55,740 receipts.

▶ Mar del Plata:—In the Bristol Stadium, Americo Cordoba (middle) kayoed Jose Tassara in the second, and Jose Manzur (light heavyweight) outpointed Adolfo Cruz, in ten rounds.

▶ Luna Park, Buenos Aires:—The ex-welter champion, Cirilo Gil, kayoed Ramon Veron in second round. Receipts: $95,100.

▶ Buenos Aires:—Lightweight Juan Campos won on points in 10 rounds over Haroldo Rodriguez and Emulio Jackson, of Venzuela, middleweight, outpointed Dante Nolasco, also ten rounds, in Babilonia Stadium.

▶ Buenos Aires:—Santiago Pereyra, featherweight, won on points, 10 rounds, over Alberto Mendoza and Juan Carlos Salazar was not in the same class with his opponent, Oscar Rojas, and was stopped in the sixth round. Attendance: 1,100 and $4,171 receipts. (Babilonia Stadium).

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Luna Park, undefeated welterweight, Angel Cuello, stopped Juan Tassara in the tenth and Sixto Tisselli, of Italy, drew in 10 rounds with Julio Camino.

▶ Rosario:—Undefeated welterweight and hard puncher, "Rocky" Rivero, kayoed Julio Ocampo in the third round.

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Babilonia Stadium, a new star in the lightweight class, Carlos Quintana, won on points, 10 rounds, over Juan Campos.

▶ Salta:—In Luna Park, Ramon Paz, undefeated lightweight, drew with Vicente Osorio. Receipts: $4,700.

▶ Bahia Blanca:—Cesar Farias, lightweight, won on disqualification in the ninth round over Cesar Barria, of Chile. Receipts: $3,963 on a very cold night.

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Babilonia Stadium, Antonio Diaz won on points, 10 rounds, in an intensely disputed contest over Aurelio Diaz.

▶ Montevideo:—The featherweight champion of Argentina, Ricardo Gonzalez, kayoed Jose Casas in the fourth. Receipts: 5,315 gold money.

▶ Mar del Plata:—The middles champion of Argentina and Sudamerica, Andres Selpa, twice winner over Eduardo Lausse, kayoed Antonio Cueveas in the second in Briston Stadium. Receipts: $70,805.

▶ Rosario:—In Milia Stadium, Miguel Aguero, lightweight champion, kayoed Miguel Soto, of Chile, in the third.

▶ La Plata:—Ricardo Valdez, flyweight, won on points in 10 rounds over the Chilean, Conrado Moreyra.

▶ Rosario:—Pedro Miranda, a good featherweight and challenger for the title, won in 10 rounds over Aldo Gamboa.

▶ Buenos Aires:—In Babilonia Stadium, ex-lightweight champion of Spain, Jose Maria Valdez, lost the decision in ten rounds to Alfonso Moreno. Both boxers weighed 145 pounds.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA

By William Albert

At Maracaibo: Ramon Calatayud, 112, first challenger for the flyweight crown here, scored an important victory over German Pardo, 113, of Chile in ten. This was a good battle.

Evelio Rios outpointed Homero Gutierrez of Peru in ten rounds. The Venezuelan scored his 25th triumph in 28 professional bouts. Rios is one of the best Middleweights here.

▶ In the Nuevo Circo: Before a record crowd that paid $27,470, Ramon Arias, 111¼, flyweight champ, defeated Aristide Pozzali of Italy, 112¼, in ten rounds. The Venezuelan outboxed his contender and won seven rounds, with two even. The fans give an ovation to President of Venezuela, Gen. Marcos Perez Jiminez, who attended. Our President is an excellent sportman.

Raul Tovar, 150, our promising middleweight, halted Homero Gutierrez, 152, of Peru in the first round. Salomon Carrisalez, 147, outpointed Silvano Locatelli, 150, of Italy in six. Vicente Espinoza, 130, scored his 5th straight victory as a pro, kayoing Pedro Flores in six.

BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G

▶ MAZATLAN, SIN: Yucatanian Victor Manuel Quijano, National featherweight champ, kayoed Babe Rosales in five rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS, TAMPS: Kid Aztequita, 134, TKO'd Raul Solis, 135, of Yucatan, in the eighth roll.

▶ IRAPUATO, GTO: Beto Carvajal, 132, of Yucatan, convincingly outpointed Jose Luis Trejo, 128, in 10 rounds.

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NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. J. A. Vieites

HAVANA: KID FICHIQUE, 145, T.K.O.'ED 3, AMERICAN FREDDIE DUKES, 141¾. Victor Recio, 120, won in eight from Miguel Lazu, 119. Eddie Botello, 113½, t.k.o. 5, Benigno Almaguer, 112. Julian Corona, 127 won in 4 from Gervasio Rodriguez, 125, and Emilio Leferte, 135½, drew in four with Pablo Torres, 135.

▶ HAVANA: Al Robinson, 130, won in 10 from Santiago Ramirez, 131¾. Eduardo Garcia, 128, t.k.o. 6, Humberto la Rosa, 126¼. Schoolboy Leyva, 131, t.k.o. 4, Jose Blanco, 129. Julian Pdrez, 136, drew in 6 with Anastasio Serrano, 133½, and Roberto Ramirez, 128, won in 4 from Idilio Velazquez, 127¼.

▶ HAVANA: Armando Bragano, 136, t.k.o. 6, Luis Castaneda, 131½. Guillermo Diaz, 148½, won in 8 from Angel Tamayo, 149. Frank Serrano, 134, won in 8 from Alexis Garcia, 136½; Hilario Sabas, 177, won in 4 from Pablo Valdes Rain, 182, and Sal Hernandez, 145, drew in 6 with Vicente Reyes, 145½.

▶ HAVANA: Andres Gonzalez, 159¾, won in 10 from Spain's Domingo Mena, 160¼, former champion of Spain. Luis M. Rodriguez, 144½, won in 8 from Antonio Salas, 147. Johnny Sarduy, 120½, won in six from Felix Gutierrez, 120¼ pounds. Hiram Bacallao, 112½, won in 4 from Luis Regueira, 113¼, and Pablo Torres, 136, won in 4 from Luciano Flores, 134.

▶ HAVANA: Rafael Lastre, 133, former lightweight champion of the Island beat another former cuban titleholder in a sensational ten, when he defeated Fernando Silva, 131¾. Armando Bragano, 136, won in 10 from Frank Serrano, 134. Mario Sosa, 118, weighed too much for Eddie Botello, 112¾, and beat him in 6. Antonio Balaguer, 145, t.k.o. 2, Julian Yanez, 147½, and Augusto Narvalle, 126, won in 4 from Roberto Ramirez, 128.

▶ HAVANA: Venezuelas Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 130½, came up twice from the canvas and finnally scored a sensational t.k.o. in 5 over Schoolboy Leyva, 131½, in one of the best fights of the year. Tony Armenteros, 144½, made a sensational comback, and easily Beat Baby Colon, 146¼, in ten rounds. Paul Diaz, 153¾, k.o. 3, Julio Gonzalez, 160. Orlando Hernandez, 128, drew in 4 with Cristobal Gonzalez, 126¼, and Juan Bacallao, 125, won in 4 from Jose Xiala, 120¾.

▶ HAVANA: Jose Ramon Flores, 147¼, drew in 10 with Venezuela's Ismael Espana, 150. Eduardo Garcia, 127¾, won in 8 from Baby Rosales, 128½. Julian Perez, 133½, won in 6 from Marino Gonzalez, 136. Pueblo Flores, 133½, won in 4 from Emilio Leferte, 136¾, and Rafael Vera, 155¾, won in 4 from Jose M. Diaz, 158¾.

▶ HAVANA: Italio-American Fernando Spallota, 158½, won in 10 from Andres Gonzalez, 157¼. Luis M. Rodriguez, 142½, and Guillermo Diaz, 146, fought a No Contest in six, for rough fighting. Felix Gutierrez, 119, upset Johnny Sarduy, 120½, in six. Sal Hernandez, 141½, won in six from Felix Samada, 145, and Pablo Napoles, 137¾, drew in 4 with Radames Caballero, 139.

▶ HAVANA: Santiago Ramirez, 129, won in 10 from Santiago Martinez, 125¾. Alexis Garcia, 135½, won in 8 from Carlos Chivas, 137¼. William Hurst, 136¾, t.k.o. 2, Angel Martinez, 135; Florentino Fernandez, 134¼, won in 6 from Victor Francia, 136¼, and Antonio Ballagas, 148, won in four from Regino Bravo, 147¼.

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RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brien

THE LAST THING THAT EVER WORRIES LANKY WELLINGTON MIDDLEWEIGHT Jack O'Leary, is who is in the opposite corner—or how much he weighs. Jack again proved this in his two latest fights, when he stopped Samoan light-heavyweight Tau Leota at Lower Hutt and outscored another of these burly Islanders, Lole Fidow, at Christchurch.

▶ Ken Anderson of Dunedin is a very unique character—a boxer who turned down a crack at a championship! Anderson, inactive for over four years in premature retirement, decided to make the inevitable comeback several months ago. Once a very speedy and clever ring technician, he lacked a hurtful punch, and the critics assailed his choice of a first-up opponent—Ulf Christensen, the "Durable Dane" from Wellington, and leading contender for the vacant national 147-pound title. For once the critics were on the ball—Anderson was halted in nine rounds at Invercargell by the aggressive Christensen.

He next accepted Mike Hannah, a Hastings boy who had boxed with some luck in Australia last year, as an opponent at Dunedin. Hannah, true to label, "walked up" all night, but the counter-punching southerner by now was beginning to feel his way with a great deal more certainty, and peppered the 1954 Empire Games boxer with a steady stream of left jabs and hooks, interspersed with accurate, if not heavy right crosses to the head and rips to the body. Hannah soaked it all up still trying for the payoff punch, but it eluded him to the end, and Ken Anderson was back in boxing to stay.

Then he was matched with Christensen in a return, and the N.Z.B.A. sanctioned the bout for the welter crown. But Anderson didn't feel he was ready for 15 rounds, and stuck out for 10 rounds—non-title. Anderson not only turned the tables but succeeded in scoring a knockout in the seventh round.

▶ Billy Leckie (Dunedin), upset by the tragic death of his brother in a car smash only a short time beforehand, turned in a particularly good performance when he halted Frank Wilson, a former lightweight champion having his first comeback fight, in seven rounds at Lower Hutt. Leckie reduced the old champion to a shambles in the seventh round, the referee breaking it up at that stage.

▶ Ross Pippett, nearly five years on the shelf after a useful career in Australia and New Zealand as a light-heavy, returned to action at the timber town of Tokoroa, and took the local idol, heavyweight Peter Schmidt, 310 pounds heavier and nine years younger, over ten close rounds.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

GLASGOW. . . The much travelled British & Empire Bantamweight Champion, Peter Keenan, Glasgow, met and clearly outpointed Robert Tartari, France, over ten rounds at 120 lbs.

Keenan was to have defended his Empire title against Pat Supple of Canada, but managerial trouble prevented the Canadian from making the trip.

Another substitute had to be found for Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 128½, who was matched with Charlie Hill, for the latter's British Featherweight title. The Scot was found to be unfit to take part, and another French boxer, Bekaid Meslem, 131, was called in.

Brown did not show his previous good form, although he held a commanding lead, when referee Frank Wilson, disqualified the Frenchman for persistent holding, in the fifth. . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, 159, stopped Wally Scott, West Ham, 161½, in the fifth, the referee called it a day for Scott when he received a badly cut eye. . . . Freddy Gilroy, Belfast, 118¼, again showed good form by scoring a victory over Jose Alvarez, Spain, 121½, in which the latter took considerable punishment that caused the referee to intervene in the fifth. . . . George McDade, Glasgow, 113½, outpointed Danny McNamee, Dundee, 112, in four.

▶DUDLEY . . . Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 146½, was declared the winner over Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 146¾, in the second round when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 138, knocked out Andy Baird, Birmingham, 141, in the eighth and last round with a right to the jaw. . . . Jackie Davidson, Belfast, 130½, was no match for Teddy Barker, Swindon, 137. The referee intervened in the first round after Davidson had taken several counts. . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 138, kept his unbeaten certificate by defeating Johnny King, Birmingham, 137½, on points in six. . . . Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 163½, stopped Jackie Willis, Belfast, 160, in the fifth.

▶WEST HARTLEPOOL . . . Brian London, Blackpool, 197, was in a devastating mood in his contest with Peter Bates, Doncaster, 195.

A crowd of 14,000 saw London deal out severe punishment to Bates, who was on the receiving end from the first bell.

The bout ended after 2.14 of the second round, and in that time he had taken three counts in the first session from the flaying fists of the Blackpool heavyweight. In the second round Brian sensing that he had The Sheffielder at his mercy, continued to mete out his heaviest of hooks to head and body, but Bates gallantly tried to fight back, but to no avail and he was forced to take a count of nine. The end was in sight for on rising Bates was a target for another right to the head which put him down for the count. . . . Jack London (Brother of Brian), 173½, gained a points decision over Ken Rowlands, Luton, 168, after eight rounds. . . . Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 160¾, had to be content with a draw in his bout with the former Belgian Middleweight Champion, Bob Stevens, 156, in a battle which ended with both boxers suffering from cut eyes. . . . Jack Richards, Middlesborough, 124½, continued his winning sequence of four out of four starts with a creditable points win over Martin McDonagh, Manchester, 122¾, in six. . . . George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 114, turned in a good win with a perfect right to the jaw of Henry Dolan, Manchester, 112, in the third to score a K.O. . . . Willie Smith, Manchester, 141½, stopped Paddy Keenan, Larne, 150½, in the fifth.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . There were loud protests from the fans when referee Fred Hampton sent both contestants to their respective corners in the fifth round and declared NO CONTEST. It was a disappointing end to what was meant to be a title contest with Peter Waterman for Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 146, if he had been successful against Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 146¼. . . . Promoter Johnny Best had things all planned for a Waterman-Molloy Championship to take place in Liverpool, now all this will have to be shelved for a while. . . . Both Croll and Molloy had been warned by referee Hampton for their mauling, holding, and not breaking when asked to by the official. The fifth round lasted less than 60 seconds when referee Hampton applied the closure. One could only claim that it was the impetuousness of both contestants that marred what should have been a great bout. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 138, showed class in his win over Tommy Mason, Bootle, 137½, making it his ninth successive victory, when he was declared the winner at the end of the eighth. . . . Jimmy O'Connell, Bootle, 145, continued his successful comeback with a four-round win over Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 144¾, when the referee intervened to save the latter further punishment. . . . Tommy Keeley's over eagerness cost him his unbeaten certificate when he was disqualified in the second round against Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 146, for an alleged low blow. Keeley from Birkhenhead, 148, had scored two knockdowns in the first, and was well on his way to a good win. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 125, stopped Billy Anderson, Bootle, in the third. . . . Tommy Summer, Bootle, 172, outpointed Don Davies, Preston, 176, in a spirited four-rounder.

▶Empress Hall, LONDON . . . WILLIE TOWEEL, British Empire Lightweight Champion, from South Africa, 133¼, successfully defended his Title against Dave Charnley, British Lightweight Champion, 133½, in a thrilling and vicious fifteen rounds. For the first three rounds there was very little in it, Charnley would dart in and try and surprise the South African, but the latter knows his boxing, and in his upright manner he would counter with a smart left hook and at times with a snappy straight right that would send Charnley back on his heels. The British Champion fought with great determination and was always willing to stand toe to toe with the Empire Champion, but experience and CLASS was on the side of Springbok. After the halfway mark Toweel showed Charnley the way home for without losing his ice cool boxing brain he stabbed his left to the challenger's face following through with the right that always found its mark. One can only find praise for the gallant Dartford fighter. His southpaw stance had no difficulties for Toweel, but Charnley kept trying to land the big pay off punch, all to no avail. Coming up for the Fifteenth round, the South African had his title safe, but try as he might in the last session, the fighting British Challenger although winning the round was surely and clearly beaten.

Willie Toweel proved himself a worthy champion and one that it will always be a pleasure to watch in the ring, and I am sure that against an orthodox boxer or fighter, he will show to even greater advantage. A word of praise for Referee I. K. Powell who handled the bout in a first class manner.

Promoter Harry Levene stated after the contest he would endeavor to match Willie Toweel against Duilio Loi, European Champion, in London for the Final Eliminating Contest for Joe Brown's Worlds Lightweight Title. In the event of this falling through he was prepared to stage The Worlds Lightweight Championship in London if terms with The Champion of The World can be ironed out. This would be one of the biggest attractions held here, as Press and Public would give it every support.

When Ron Hinson, West Ham, 135¼, defeated Guy Gracia, France, 135¾, some two months ago, many thought that the Frenchman was below form and would readily reverse the decision if given the opportunity.

They were rematched and the result was the same, Hinson confirming his points win at the end of ten rounds.

Evie Vorster, South Africa, 150¾, outpointed Al Browne, British Guiana, 145¼, in eight. From the first bell Vorster forced the pace with vicious hooks to the head and body against a very good defensive boxer who only came to life when the South African tired in the seventh, by then it was too late for Browne to overcome the early lead that Vorster had obtained. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 121½, defeated George Dormer, East Ham, 122, in the fifth when the latter was ruled out for the misuse of his head. Dormer had no one to blame but himself, as he was well on the road to a victory, and he had been cautioned twice before for the same infringement. . . . Johnny Collier, Stenney, 126¼, outpointed Barrie Smith, Dartford, 125, in a spirited six-round bout. . . . Ron Garnett, Streatham, 148¼, gained a close points win over Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 148, in six.

▶It is with profound regret that I have to report the passing of ARCHIE SEXTON, in far off Christchurch, New Zealand, at the age of 49. When I received the cable sent by his wife, I was shocked, as was the many friends of one of the most popular fighters of the Thirties.

Archie, who was under my management for ten years, never suffered a day's sickness, and will always be recorded by many of the leading critics as A CHAMPION WHO NEVER WON A NATIONAL TITLE.

Whilst training for his British Middleweight Title bout with Jock McAvoy, he dived off the jetty to save two children from drowning.

During the 1939-1945 World War, Archie Sexton was awarded THE GEORGE MEDAL for saving the lives of two men and a woman in a Flooded Shelter beneath the bombed Moorfields Eye Hospital, London.

Strange as it may seem, it was at the same hospital that Sexton was operated on for a damaged retina to one of his eyes after his contest with Frank Hough.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

to August 20, 1957

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Attu Clottey (G)
3. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	Peter Waterman (E)
4. Kitione Lave (To)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
5. Dick Richardson (W)	Randy Turpin (E)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Sandy Manuel (N)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Sammy Langford (N)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Evie Vorster (SA)
7. Tom Hini (F)	Tommy Dupreez (SA)	Freddie Cross (E)	Gerald Gray (J)
8. Alan Williams (A)	Arthur Howard (E)	Les Allen (E)	Hector Constance (T)
9. Manuel Burgo (E)	Albert Finch (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Al Brown (BG)
10. Peter Bates (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Phil Edwards (W)	Vincent O'Kine (N)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Frank Jones (S)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Len Reece (W)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	John Smillie (S)	Terry Spinks (E)
4. Jason Radebe (SA)	Percy Lewis (T)	George Dormer (E)	Warner Batchelor (A)
5. Max Carlos (A)	Bobby Neill (S)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
6. George Bracken (A)	Ayree Jackson (G)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Dennis Adams (SA)
7. Paddy Graham (I)	Charley Hill (S)	Dick White (A)	Bindi Jack (A)
8. Ron Hinson (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Pat Supple (C)	Ezekial Schole (SA)
9. Sammy Bonnici (M)	Kimpo Amarifo (G)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Ado Garuba (G)
10. Russel Sands (A)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Chic Brogan (S)	Gerry Jooste (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

Before emigrating to New Zealand in 1956, Sexton held a British Boxing Board of Control Referee's License.

Sexton leaves a wife and two sons. The eldest, David Sexton, is an inside forward for Leyton Orient Football Club.

"So long" Archie, I shall always feel proud to have been associated with you for ten years of your fighting career.

"MAY YOUR DEAR SOUL REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE".

▶WEST HARTLEPOOL . . . Willie Armstrong, the Glasgow Southpaw, 175, was awarded a points decision over Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 167, after eight thrilling and sensational rounds. . . . Early in the contest Tiger concentrated in landing his heaviest artillery, in which the Scot took three long counts, but in doing so the Nigerian lost his judgment in trying to end the bout by a K.O. for Armstrong took advantage of his knowledge of long range boxing and scored convincingly to run out a narrow points winner. . . . John O'Brien, Glasgow, 126, stopped Jack Richards, Middlesborough, 126, in the third. . . . George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 114, forced Danny McNamee, Glasgow, 114¾, to retire at the end of the fifth with a badly damaged nose. . . . Alan Hands, West Hartlepool, 203, knocked out Bill Shine, Brixton, 198, in the first. . . . Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 130¾, defeated Martin Tolan, Easington, 135½, in the second round, when the latter was disqualified.

▶NUNEATON . . . Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 159¼, Welsh Middleweight Champion, won his "winner takes all" contest against Les Allen, Bedworth, 160¼, in the ninth round of a stirring bout. Allen was forced to retire at the end of the round after he had received a badly cut right eye. Cross is one of the younger brigade that will be hitting the International challengers in another twelve months. Remember the name FREDDIE CROSS. . . . Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 163¾, and Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 161, fought a thrilling eight-round draw. . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 130¼, was too good for Johnny Neary, Huddersfield, 131, and the referee intervened in the fourth, to save a game lad further punishment. . . . Dave George, Woking, 149½, gained a points win over Joe Greer, Coventry, 144½, in six. . . . Colin Moore, Coventry, 140¾, outpointed Duggie Johnson, Glasgow, 143¾, in six. . . . Ted Arthur, Belfast, 137, stopped Brian Husband, Hull, 142½, in the second round when the referee intervened after Husband had received a badly cut eye.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Bobby Neill, Scottish Featherweight Champion, 127, now domiciled in Paddington, came back with a win over Edouard Roelandt, Belgium, 126¼, in the fourth of a scheduled eight. Referee Jack Hart stopped the bout after The Belgian boxer had taken several long counts. . . . Terry Spinks, West Ham, 114, showed his best form to date with a third-round win over Pat Glancy, Glasgow, 112½. The former Olympic Champion boxed brilliantly to overcome the early aggressiveness of The Scot. Spinks has learned to pace his bouts since he started professional boxing, for when he started he used to go off at a very fast pace which effected whatever punching power he had, but in his contest with Clancy he picked his punches and scored with heavy hooks to head and body. . . . Billy Dean, Greenwich, 175, and Ron Redrup, West Ham, 171¾, fought a thrilling six-round bout that had the fans on their toes cheering. Both are southpaws, and hard punchers, so that it was not surprising to witness either of the contestants being put down on the canvas. It was to the credit of Dean, who is on a come-back trail, to score two knockdowns on Redrup in the fourth and sixth. . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 120, lost his unbeaten certificate when he ran into a tartar in the person of Rudy Edwards, 123, a tall rangy southpaw from British Guiana. Jones received his first shock in the opening session, when Edwards unleashed a left hook to his chin, putting him down for a long count. Credit must be given to the West Ham lad, for he gamely rose to withstand the hail of blows from the flaying fists of Edwards, and in the ensuing rounds was making up the leeway only to receive a dangerous cut high on the forehead which forced his retirement at the end of the fifth. . . . Dave Sammons, West Ham, 195, stopped Stan Davis, Kettering, 184, in the fourth of his first professional debut. . . . Mickey Collins, Dublin, 137, was an unlucky loser to Tim Buckle, Bournemouth, 134½, for he was forced to retire in the fourth round, when he was well in the lead.

▶ABERGAVENNY . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 162½, one of our youngest prospects in the middleweight division, is destined to go far up the ladder of success. His pay-off punch, a short right to the jaw of Paddy Delargy, Galway, 163, was a treat to witness, it did not travel many inches, but it was enough to put the tough Irish battler down for the full count in the third. . . . A new attraction in the flyweight division was the appearance of The former amateur champion Ron "Ponty" Davies, Cardiff, 113¾, who showed devastating form in disposing of Barry Adgie, Derby, 110¾, in the third, the referee came to the game Adgie, who was on the receiving end from the first gong. . . . Ayree Jackson, Ghana, 127¼, gained a creditable points win over the taller and heavier Ernie Fossey, Islington, 132, in eight hard fought rounds. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 137, outpointed Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, in a closely fought eight. . . . Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 183, outpointed Cliff Purnell, Bath, 191, in six. . . . Neil Travers, Newport, 168, knocked out Ray Griffiths, Abergavenny, 176, in the third. . . . Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 143, again defeated Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 144, in a grand six round slam.

South African Willie Toweel, British Empire lightweight champion, successfully defended his title against Dave Charnley, British lightweight king, in a thrilling and vicious fifteen rounder at Empress Hall, London.

▶TORQUAY . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 145½, won his "Rubber" contest against Paul King, Torquay, 146, in eight exciting rounds, that had the fans thrilled. . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 162¾, outpointed the experienced Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160¼, in a hard hitting six. . . . Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 140½, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 136½, in six. . . . Dennis Wingrove, Basildon, 158½, won a close bout against Johnny Berry, Willesden, 157½, in six. . . . Tommy Slayford, Kennington, 118, won his first professional bout against Dave Board, Taunton, 117, when he was declared the winner on points in six. . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 147, stopped Joe Cerroni, Italy, 146, in the fifth.

▶EDGWARE . . . Dennis Booty, Stepney, 162, a young middleweight with a bright future, showed good promise in his bout with Eddie Lennon, Dublin, 160½, when he forced the referee to intervene in his favor during the fourth round. . . . Derek Liversidge, Retford, 151¾, gained a close points win over Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 148½, eight lively rounds. . . . Mick Rowlinson, Islington, 158½, having his first bout in the paid ranks, had as an opponent Billy Collins, Stepney, 159, and the way these two youngsters fought you would have thought that they were fighting for a Worlds Title. The bout lasted four rounds with the referee refusing to allow Collins to come out for the fifth as the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . But those four rounds were packed full of action that the fans are all eagerly waiting to see them in a return encounter. . . . Two ex-amateurs met in the professional ring in their debut, Mickey Davis, Walthamstow, 148¾, and Terry Tulley, Brighton, 142½, fought furiously for six rounds with Davis being declared the winner. It was a pity that a winner had to be named for the contest was fought on even lines throughout. . . . Billy Keirnan, Shepherds Bush, 138¾, outpointed Norman Veron, Guernsey, 133, in six. . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 124¾, stopped Alan Branquet, Guernsey, 118¼, in the third. . . . Eddie Isel, South Africa, 118¼, stopped Peter Kidd, Cleethorpes, 121¼, in the third.

▶WEST HARTLEPOOL . . . Albert Finch, Croydon, 173, tried to concede 23½ lbs. to the young heavyweight Manuel Burgo of North Shields, 196½, and suffered by the K.O. route in the second round. Burgo was all too strong for Finch, who was on the receiving end from the first gong. Referee Tommy Watson counted the veteran out as he made an attempt to raise himself by the ring ropes.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

JUAREZ BULL RING, July. Ernesto Figueroa, 128, Mexico City, won in a poor fight over Billy Walker, 127, San Francisco, Calif. Figueroa did not show his old form, the boy was a little rusty. Figueroa won decision in ten rounds.

Jesus Estrada, 127½, Juarez, won a hard fought decision over Memo Leanos, 128, Torreon, in the six round semi.

Rafael "Zurdo" Vazquez, 140, Torreen, won over Daladier Urista, 138, Torreon, 4.

Pete Melendez, 117, El Paso, and Freddie Rodriguez, 119, El Paso, fought to a draw in another four round bout.

Tacho Mendoza, 128, El Paso, beat Rodolfo Ibarra, 131, Torreon, in the four round opener.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, July 15th. Ramon Hernandez, 146½, Juarez, won by K.O. in the fourth over Baby Concer, 143, Chihuahua City. In the third, Concer ran out of gas and Hernandez put him away in the next canto with a right-cross to the chin.

Henry Gutierrez, 136, Deming, N. M., won one more by the K.O. route, this time over Jesus Lopez, 132, Juarez, in the sixth and last round of a very exciting fight.

Alejandro Castro, 142, Juarez, won by K.O. in the third over Hector Mendoza, 145, Juarez. Cosme Rodriguez, 122, Juarez, won by K.O. over "Indio" Torres, 123, El Paso, in the second. Mauricio Morales, 122, Juarez, won decision over Mario Ibarra, 118½, Torreon, 4.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM Baby Rodriguez, 127½, Juarez, had a little too much experience for Felipe Uribe, 127, El Paso, and won in 10 rounds of a furious bout.

Raul Sanchez, 130, Chihuahua City, did it again, this time winning over Rodrigo Duenas, 128, Torreon in 6. This one was a bloody affair.

Juan Herrera, 120, Juarez, won over Daniel Olivarez, 122, Juarez, 4. Ritchie Enriquez, 131, El Paso, T.K.O. over Jesus Paez, 130, Juarez, in the third. Chico Gomez, 127, Chihuahua City, won decision over green Blas Sosa, 125½, Juarez, 4.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. Ray Terrazas, 146, El Paso, won in a dull fight over veteran Joe Castaneda, 144½, Zacatecas. Terrazas, the younger of the two, could not solve his opponent's style.

Alfonso Mendoza, 124, Juarez, won over veteran Raul "Cachorro" Herrera, 126, Mexico City in six fast rounds. Mendoza, a willing kid with a big heart, took everything Herrera had in the first two rounds, but he had the gamely veteran almost out in the last rounds of the very good fight.

Blas Sosa, 125, Juarez, and Benny Moreno, 124, Juarez, fought a draw in four rounds. Mauricio Morales, 122½, Juarez, made two in a row over Mario Ibarra, 120, Torreon, in four. Mario Moreno, 114, Juarez, looked good winning over Baby Cora, 116, Juarez, in the winning over Baby Cora, 116, Juarez, in 4.

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RATINGS

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Ramirez kayoed Nacho Santamaria, 5. Cleo Frazier kayoed Red Lite, 5.

Al Sparks beat Howard Lee, 6. Emilio Jackson beat Dante Nolasco, 10. Dick D'Orsi stopped Lee Williams, 4. Don Fullmer kayoed Joe Mortenson, 3. Oscar Rojas kayoed Marcelo Videla, 9, and Carlos Salazar, 5.

Willie Long beat Bernie Ford, 6. Paul Diaz kayoed Julio Gonzales, 3. Sixto Tisselli and Julio Camino drew, 10. Al MacLean defeated Blair Richardson, 6, and Jimmy Desmond, 6. Bobby Hughes beat Curtis Coles, 6. Al Watkins stopped Floyd Sampson, 6. Rocky Fumarelle kayoed Al Jackson, 1.

Norris Burse drew with Matt Jackson, 6, and Al McCoy, 6. George Price won from Harold Redman, 6. Pete Gonzales won from Orlando DiPietro, 6. Charlie Glover stopped Sherman Strayhorn, 3.

Charlie Cotton and Art Glass drew, 10. Ernie Burford kayoed Al Jones, 4. Dean Crisp beat Walter Tyler, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Virgil Akins halted Sugar Hart, 8.

Gil Turner upset Del Flanagan, 10.

Kid Gavilan upset Gaspar Ortega, 10.

George Barnes retained British Empire title by outpointing Attu Clottey, 15.

Clarence (Duke) Harris outboxed Willie Dillon, 10.

Don Jordan kayoed Arnoldo Gil, 2, Alfredo Cota, 1, and beat Juan adilla, 10. Giancarlo Garbelli became Italian champion by winning on disqualification from Umberto Vernaglione, 6. Ismael Espana and Jose Ramon Flores drew, 10. Rocky Rivero halted Julio Ocampo, 3.

Cirilo Gil halted Ramon Veron, 2. Ramon Tiscareno kayoed Steve Tony, 1. Juan Tassara kayoed Demetrio Floros, 2 and was stopped by Americo Cordoba, 2, and Angel Cuello, 10. Bruno Vistinin bested Ray Riojas, 12.

Alfonso Moreno outfought Jose Maria Valdez, 10. Tony Armenteros bested Baby Colon, 10.

Bob Murphy launched a comeback by stopping Billy Mays, 7. Enrique Esqueda kayoed Luciano Gonzalez, 4. Ramon Hernandez kayoed Baby Concer, 4.

Tony Veranis defeated Eddie Prince, 10. Frederick Thompson kayoed Oscar Ramirez, 6. Herbie Rodriguez whipped Barry Allison, 10, and stopped Cobey McCluskey, 6. Roberto Pena halted Enrique Saavedra, 3. Ranchero Ruiz stopped Enrique Gasca, 7. Jimmy Ford halted Nilo Blanco, 4.

Lem Miller stopped Dan Santiago, 6. Evelio Rios whipped Homero Gutierrez, 10, Homero then was stopped by Raul Tovar, 1. Johnny Gorman stopped Bill Flamio, 3. Joey Durando kayoed Rudy Mendoza, 5. Ray Terrazas outscored Joe Castaneda, 10.

Danny Russo whipped Eddie Lynch, 8. Michel Lombardet decisioned Brahim Kettani, 10. Julian Valdez stopped Doug Garrett, 5. Fortunato Manca whipped Gil Suarez, and El Djouer, 8 each. Jimmy Peters kayoed K. O. Scott, 2. Ken Anderson whipped Mike Hannah, 10.

Cecil Shorts stopped Oliver Nutt, 2. Jimmy Newman whipped Sauveur Chiocca, 12. Salomon Carrisalez beat Silvano Locatelli, 6. Don Kennington beat Howard Jordan, 6, and Manuel Martinez, 6. Bilby Ford stopped Ernie Kenzek, 5. Arnold Sparks beat Don weller, 6.

Jarrel Pate halted Billy Floyd, 1. Joe Lissy beat Jimmy Squires, 6. Dick McCarthy stopped Paul Leri, 5. Bob Morgan bested Al Boudreaux, 6. Eddie Jones beat Kid Rayo, 6.

Willie Kid Johnson scored over Al Barraza, 6. Dom Prestone kayoed Don Vincent, 1. Don Alderson beat Jerry Mortell, 6. Sal Hernandez won from Felix Samada, 6. Bud Ramsey kayoed Jimmy O'Malley, 5.

Mel Barker defeated Charlie Salas, 10. Aldo Mente decisioned Gilberto Holguin, 10. Mickey Crawford decisioned Sammy Rodgers, 10. Cecil Shorts kayoed Floyd Brooks, 4. George Sullivan beat Jim Medlock, 6. Gene Tippett beat Willie Epps, 6. Johnny Bridges stopped Jimmy Chavis, 1.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Willie Toweel outpointed Billy (Spider) Kelly, 10.

Paolo Rosi edged out Baby Vasquez, 10.

World champion Joe Brown outpointed welterweight Gilberto Holquin, 10. (non-title)

European champion Duilio Loi posted his 8th and 9th victories of the year by outpointing welterweights Jack Subero and Ernst Zetmann, 10 each.

Kenny Lane outpointed Teddy Davis, 10.

Cisco Andrade halted Wallace (Bud) Smith, 9.

Orlando Zulueta outboxed Frankie Ippolito, 10.

Paul Armstead decisioned Lauro Salas, 12. Miguel Aguero kayoed Miguel Soto, 3. George Berry decisioned Kid Centella, 10. Russell Sands decisioned Ray Riojas, 12, and drew with Fernand Nollet, 12. Ray Lancaster decisioned Al Marotti, 10. Ramon Paz and Vicente Osorio drew, 10. Juan Campos defeated Haroldo Rodriguez, 10, but lost to Carlos Quintana, 10, Carlost defeated Guillermo Menaoza, 10. Luis Contreras whipped Chivo Diaz, 10, but lost to Lalo Duque, 10. Pedro Bonelli outpointed Americo Bonetti, 10.

Bobby Bell stopped Bobby Courchesne, 8. Beto Gonzalez won over Carlos Arregui, 10. Fred Galiana halted Marcel Dupre, 8. Hiroshi Okawa decisioned Hideto Kobayashi, 10. Raul Anchondo kayoed Manuel Mendoza, 3. Floyd East bested Otho Silgar, 10. Marcelo Vargas kayoed Johnny Guevara, 3. Osvaldo Cahete kayoed Gregorio Oliva, 3. Fidel Hernandez bested Julio Escobedo, 10, Julio had beaten Tommy Elder, 10.

Don Ward won from Chuck Adkins, 6. Aldo Mente stopped Ray Portilla, 2. Beto Carvajal defeated Jose Luis Trejo, 10. Arturo Lopez stopped Lucio Gonzalez, 6. Alexis Gar ia won over Carlos Chivas, 8. Marcello Padovani became Italian champion by outpointing Gaetano DeLucia, 12.

Jimmy Lassiter and Alfredo Escobar drew, 10. Reyes Lopez stopped Enrique Gomez, 2. Kid Aztequita halted Raul Solis, 8. Boland Abrams halted John Foster, 2. Ezequiel Uribe defeated Jimmy Falster, 10.

Octavio Salas kayoed Ray Mejia, 1, but was kayoed by Al Olivera, 5. Paul Lee decisioned George Ross, 6. Vincente Leonardo bested Salomon Coronel, 8. Earl Mathews bested Al Duarte, 6. Tommy Roberts outpointed Freddy Jackson, 6, and Louis Carr, 6. Jimmy Kelly beat Bernie Jones, 6. William Hurst stopped Angel Martinez, 2.

Henry Barrera won from Ray Thomas, 6. Charley Douglas won from Jimmy Ellis, 6. Ray Gonzales kayoed Carlos Saavedra, 2, but lost to Oscar Oretgon, 8. Lee Man won over Johnny Juliano, 6.

Miguel Perez won from Babe Mar II, 8. Julian Perez defeated Marino Gonzales, 6. Florentino Fernandez whipped Victor Francia, 6. Eddie Gaspora beat Tommy Carlin, 6. Henry Gutierrez stopped Jesus Lopez, 6. Leo Steele stopped George Burns, 4. Al McKay kayoed Mike Ryan, 4.

Rudy Jordan beat Tommy Romulo, 10. Solomon Boysaw defeated Eddie Perkins, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ike Chestnut decisioned Ernesto Parra, 10. Davey Moore edged out Victor Manuel Quijano, 10. Alfredo Escobar halted Tommy Bain, 8. Jorge Manjarrez defeated Chico Medina, 10.

Flash Elorde kayoed Salika Yontrakit, 3.

Pete Kawala defeated Ernesto Figueroa, 10, Figueroa won from Billy Walker, 10, while Walker defeated Somkiat Lukmaduli, 8.

Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Humberto Novoa, 4 and Jose Casas, 4. Willie Pep outpointed Russ Tague, 10. Oscar Ortegon decisioned Ray Gonzales, 8.

Victor Manuel Quijano kayoed Baby Rosales, 5. Fili Nava kayoed Kid Laredo, 3. Noel Humphreys upset bantamweight Billy Peacock, 10. Billy also to Victor (Sonny) Leon, 10.

Angel Guerrero decisioned Cesar Saavedra, 10, but was upset by Americo Rivera, 10, Rivera had lost to Ray Zamora, 10. Baby Rodriguez outfought Felipe Uribe, 10. Chucho Mejia upset Davey Walden, 10. Spanish Champion Manolo Garcia squared accounts with Jo Ventaja for previous disputed decision by stopping him in return, 7. Giordano Campari drew with Altidoro Polidori 8. Roberto Garcia won over Guillermo Medina, 10. Medina kayoed Schoolboy Leyva, 5 French Champion Gracieux Lamperto whipped Aldo Pravisani, 10. Mauro Vazquez stopped Manuel Jimenez, 10.

Leroy Jones won over Johnny Johnikin, 10. Santiago Ramirez beat Santiago Martinez, 10. Raul Vargas and Andre Servin drew, 10. Enrique Castillo whipped Emilio Olivares, 10. Indio Conde decisioned Chino Rodriguez, 10. Genaro Serafin defeated Joaquin Carrillo, 10, and Babe Alonzo, 10.

Vicente Macedo stopped Al Alfaro, 7. Jimmy Connors defeated Cleo Ortiz, 8, and kayoed Ramon Soto, 1. Cachorro Meza kayoed Pedro Garcia, 2. Eduardo Garcia beat Baby Rosales, 8. Felix Cervantes and Pelon Duran drew, 10. Lionel Rivera halted Harold Mara, 3. Junior Flores kayoed Jules Butch, 4.

Lalo Camarena whipped Gilrafo Bacho, 10. Wally Livingston outboxed Al Tisi, 6. Oscar Cardenas kayoed Juan Bishop, 3. Iggy Maldanado and Prince Johnson drew, 6. Iggy then stopped Frankie Figueroa, 5. Pedro Miranda whipped Aldo Gamboa, 10.

Carlos Orendain bested Joe Tinoco, 10. Santiago Pereyra won from Alberto Mendoza, 10. Tony Alamillo stopped Roberto Ramirez, 8, but lost to Ramon Gonsales, 10. Billy Nickerson and Tiger Pyle drew, 6. Hank Aceves beat Dom Sacco, 6.

Gabriel Herrera won over Chebo Vazquez, 8. Vicinte Espinoza kayoed Pedro Flores, 6. Johnny Devison kayoed Bobby Duff, 6. Sam Bernard beat Tick Tock Tucker, 6. Jesus Estrade beat Memo Leanos, 6. Raul Sanchez bested Rodrigo Duenas, 6. Alfonso Mendoza whipped Raul Herrera, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Billy Peacock lost to featherweights Noel Humphreys, 10 and Victor (Sonny) Leon, 10.

Joe Becerra kayoed Kid Irapuato, 8. Ilario Tanelli outpointed Roberto Spina, 10.

Saburo Otaki kayoed Yasuji Takahashi, 7. Manuel Armenteros kayoed featherweight Roy Hernandez, 5. Jose Lopez outpointed featherweight Jorge Manjarrez, 10.

Dante Bini retained French title by stopping Roger Cappato, 14. Carlos Cardoso whipped Jorge Herrera, 10. Rudy Coronado stopped Raul Leanos, 5. Claudio Adame kayoed Jorge Gabino, 7. Cheto Fernandez won over Mario Ruiz, 10.

Nacho Escalante halted Marcelo Gonzalez, 5, and beat Kildo Martinez, 10. Kid San Martin bested Babe Navarro, 10. Chiquis Rosales beat Ray Ruiz, 10, and Eduardo Guerrero, 10. Eduardo kayoed Chiquilin Torres, 4. Eloy Sanchez defeated Jorge Salazar, 10. Jose Galvan kayoed Ernesto Hernandez, 3. Ignacio Torres whipped Rafael Sotelo, 10. Rudy Valdez beat Jerry Foche, 8.

Chuy Rodriguez halted Gallito Reyes, 5. Chocolate Barrera stopped Manuel Rodriguez, 6. Pedro Garcia won over Henry Morales, 10. Juanito Rivera kayoed Vicente Garcia, 5. Boots Monroe stopped Willie Parker, 6.

Abe Villa whipped Tony Rios, 6. Luis Gutierrez bested Ricardo Manzanillo, 10. Felix Gutierrez upset Johnny Sarduy, 6. Luis Gallegos and Marcelo Montoya drew, 8. Sal Becerril stopped Mario Aguilar, 4.

German Escudero defeated Kid Pascualite, 10. Rosendo Martinez decisioned Papelero Rodriguez, 8. Javier Puentes won from Vicente Flores, 6. Chucho Arreola defeated Tibico Torres, 8.

Manuel Rojas bested Erasmo Garcia, 8. Roy Compio drew with Carlos Ocampo, 8. Baby Torion drew with Baby Quintin, 8. Herman Marquez stopped Tony Ganados, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Ramon Arias outpointed Aristide Pozzali, 10. Pozzali also drew with Charley Bohbot, 10.

Ramon Calatayud defeated German Pardo, 10.

Christian Marchand whipped Henri Schmid, 12.

Frankie Jones won vacant British Empire Title by stopping Len Reece, 11. Leo Zulueta decisioned Ely Fernandez, 10.

Joe Medel stopped Chucho Gonzalez, 9. Mario de Leon decisioned Roque Fernandez, 10. Mario Ruiz lost to bantamweight Cheto Fernandez, 10. Carlos Miranda defeated Ricardo Valdez, 10. Ricardo beat Conrado Moreyra, 10.

Terry Spinks stopped Pat Glancy, 3. Speedy Andy defeated Speedy Dado Jr. 10. Edgar Basel outpointed Toni Torrens, 6. Goyo Flores kayoed Agustin Campos, 1.

Baby Ross halted Al Reyes, 7. Esteban Martin stopped Robert Mouginot, 8.

Felipe Blanco won over Tito Ragone, 6. Small Visayan kayoed Tommy Jr. 2. Alfonso Palma defeated Chucho Guzman, 6. Vera Cruz won over Lucky Boy, 6.

New Orleans and the South
By Ike Morales

With New Orleans' ranking fighters performing in other ring centers throughout the nation, Herbie Rodriguez has been keeping the home town fires burning with his improved showings in recent engagements.

The 19-year-old Herbie turned in his top ring performance in Municipal Auditorium, when he won a popular and unanimous 10-round decision over Barry Allison of Springfield, Mass.

Rodriguez and the more experienced Allison rocked and socked each other throughout. Good right-hand punches to the jaw buckled the knees of both fighters.

A hook to the chin almost sent Rodriguez sprawling in the third round. In the fifth, Herbie buckled Allison's knees with a hook to the jaw. And in the sixth, it looked like curtains for the visitor when Rodriguez sent Allison down for a nine count from a right to the kisser.

Referee Eddie Kid Wolfe and Judge Lucien Jaubert scored it 6-3-1, while Judge Pete Giarusso saw it 7-3.

Rodriguez weighed 150 to 149 for Allison. Only 857 fans who netted $1,510.03, turned out for Promoter Heard Ragas' program.

In the prelims, scheduled for four rounds, Dean Plemmons stopped Hal Jackson, Houston, in four; Sam Bernard, Mobile, outboxed Tick Tock Tucker; Jimmy Lane kayoed Don Adams in one; Gene Hymel flattened Ted Daley of Mobile in three, and Ray Cittandano bested Marlin Moore.

▶ Local fans were shocked to learn of the death of Dr. Barry Barrodale of Houma, La., on Friday, July 26.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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good fighters during his career. Two of them became world champions—welterweight Young Corbett 3rd (Ralph Capabianchi Giordano) and middleweight Fred Apostoli. Although he hadn't played too active a role in boxing affairs during the last 15 years, Larry never lost his interest in the sport. He was a regular at fights in and around San Francisco and a steady visitor to the local gyms.

Waxman, originally out of Baltimore, also featured world champions among his better achievements. Max handled three—the Dundee brothers, welterweight Joe and middleweight Vince, as well as Harry Jeffra, who held both bantamweight and featherweight titles. For the last 20 years or so Waxman, shifting his headquarters to New York, had been Jack Dempsey's business manager while continuing his own active ventures in boxing. Max had "pieces" of fight clubs in Baltimore and Montreal, and represented such foreign importations as Abel Cestac, Argentine heavyweight; Joe Weidin, Austrian heavyweight; Elis Ask, Finnish lightweight, and Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight.

LONG TIME NO SEE. . . .It was a pleasant surprise recently to run into one-time world bantam champion Joe Lynch, in town for a few days on a real estate deal. Joe doesn't get to New York very often these days. When he quit fighting nearly 30 years ago, Lynch settled down as a country squire in New City, in up-state Rockland county. He's been there ever since. For nearly 20 of those years Joe was the community's postmaster.

"You'd never recognize the place now," Lynch said. "There's been so much building going on—housing developments, shopping centers and the like—we've grown into a bustling little city."

Lynch doesn't get around to fights these days, but through newspapers and television he keeps in fairly close touch with ring activity. "Every once in a while some of the old gang drop in on me, and we have quite a time gabbing about the old days. Too bad the bantam class has disappeared. It sure was a lively division when I was fighting. I guess boxing could use a few Pete Hermans, Pal Moores, Jack Sharkeys, Johnny Buffs and Midget Smiths now, eh?"

Yes, it certainly could—and it also could use some of the many neighborhood clubs that flourished in and around New York during Lynch's heyday. Week in, week out, a dozen or more sluggeries operated regularly within a 25-mile radius of Times Square. Today there is exactly one—the St. Nicholas Arena, and only its TV contract enables it to keep going. Madison Square Garden, the only other licensed arena in the city, functions on a now-and-then basis, as and when it has available dates. . . . Not only the city but the entire state of New York has hit the bottom of the boxing barrel. The only up-state city to show any activity of late is Syracuse, with an occasional card. Such once-popular centers as Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Binghamton, Schenectady, Troy and Albany have practically vanished from the fight scene. In this five-months' stretch just ending, from April 1 to September 1, a total of only 29 shows were staged in the entire state. Shucks, we can remember when that number was a normal output for ten days!

THE POLO GROUNDS 1890-1957?

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a larger and more modern park for themselves. Across the Harlem river, in the Bronx, less than a mile from the Giants' field, the Yankee Stadium was finished in time for the opening of the 1923 campaign.

With two ball parks available for outdoor boxing, that summer in New York was one of the most eventful and exciting in all ring history. Of seven major promotions, five were staged in the Polo Grounds, and all involved world championships.

The first three were sponsored by Tom O'Rourke, the remaining two by Tex Rickard.

There was no such thing as a "monopoly" in boxing in those days. The promotional field was wide open to any venturesome individual with the necessary daring and wherewithal.

Although Rickard, heading Madison Square Garden, had established himself as the world's leading promoter, Tex never classed with O'Rourke in actual all-around knowledge of the boxing profession. In a busy career, spanning nearly a half-century, Tom not only had been a successful promoter but one of the most competent managers the trade had produced.

O'ROURKE'S ACTIVE CAREER

O'Rourke's experience in this rugged industry dated back to the '80s, when he operated a saloon in Charlestown, Mass. His place was a popular hangout for the sporting gentry of the Boston district. Prize-fighting was illegal in Massachusetts at the time, but O'Rourke was prevailed upon to fit out a back room in his joint and permit occasional bouts to be held there.

Later Tom became manager of George Dixon. When he and "Little Chocolate" returned from England with the world bantamweight title in 1890, O'Rourke shifted his base of operations to New York. He took over the Delavan Hotel, at Broadway and 40th Street, and made it a rendezvous for notables in the sports and theatrical professions.

Through the years, O'Rourke managed scores of topline fighters. Besides Dixon, probably the best known were Joe Walcott and Tom Sharkey. During the Horton law in New York, Tom promoted big-time fights at the Coney Island and Lenox Clubs. During the "membership" days and early years of the Frawley law he operated the popular National Sporting Club in West 44th Street.

Tom O'Rourke was well qualified to become the first promoter of boxing in the historic Polo Grounds.

(The next installment will cover that exciting summer of 1923 at the Giants' ball park, and how world championships changed hands in four of the five title bouts.)

MORE FOR MOORE

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his title at all.

Jack Delaney was another who didn't defend after winning the title, while Bob Olin, Battling Levinsky, Georges Carpentier, Mike McTigue, Jack Root, George Gardner, Bob Fitzsimmons, Melio Bettina and Anton Christoforidis each defended their crowns only once.

For the space of time that Moore has held the crown, only two men, Maxie Rosenbloom with nine title bouts in four-and-a-half years, and Tommy Loughran with six in two years have had more championship contests.

No one can argue the point that during the reigns of these men, the division was alive with top talent, numerous oustanding challengers as against today's meager aspirants.

Rosenbloom's challengers were Abie Bain, Jimmy Slattery, Lou Scozza, Al Stillman, Adolph Heuser, Bob Godwin, Joe Knight, Mickey Walker and Bob Olin, who took the title from Maxie.

Tommy Loughran, the master boxer, turned back bids of Slattery, Walker, Leo Lomski, Pete Latzo (twice) and Jimmy Braddock before giving up the crown to go after the heavyweight laurels.

Gus Lesnevich, whose seven years on the throne were interrupted by four years service in the Coast Guard during World War II, made five defenses of his laurels. He whipped Tami Mauriello, whom he had defeated to clinch the crown after Billy Conn's retirement, then after returning from the war Gus twice faced Freddy Mills in England and twice met Billy Fox in New York. After halting Mills, and twice disposing of Fox, he was defeated by Mills in their second engagement.

Paul Berlenbach who might have been the most active of all if he had held on to the crown for a while put it up four times in a little over a year, facing Slattery, Jack Delaney twice and Young Stribling. He lost the title to Delaney in their second meeting which took place only a month after Paul had defeated Stribling. All of these bouts drew large gates, something that Archie could not have hoped for even with the men he did fight. Only the Olson and Pompey bouts were good paydays for Moore.

No matter what the outcome of the title fight in Los Angeles, Archie will go down in the history of the light heavyweight class as one of its top stars.

And who's to say that the right hand that floored Marciano, and halted 116 of Archie's foes, won't find Anthony's tender chin. Then the commissions can begin all over again to hound Archie.

TRAGIC ENDING OF CHALKY WRIGHT, A SPARMATE WHO BECAME CHAMPION

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fought a few times in 1947 and 1948 and finally announced his retirement when Ernie Hunick stopped him in three rounds in Salt Lake City.

After hanging up the gloves, Wright turned to training fighters in California and was doing well for himself until ill health curbed his activities. He had been hospitalized for a while because of a heart attack, and it is believed that another one probably was responsible for his tragic ending.

Fullmerville, U.S.A.!

There's action in Fullmerville, USA!

Gene Fullmer is waiting for his chance at whatever title trimmings he may be able to take.

Jay Fullmer, Gene's younger brother, just put the tabs on tough Andy Maes of Colorado Springs for a unanimous decision.

Don Fullmer, youngest of the three brothers and possibly the best fighter of the family turned professional in July in his own home town of West Jordan (heretofore and many times hereafter referred to as "Fullmerville").

The victory for Jay Fullmer over Maes was the fifth for the sharp-shooting young welterweight.

The Fullmer-Maes fight opened another summer season at the 6,000 seat West Jordan park.

A couple of summers ago West Jordan Boxing Club began staging weekly fights. Grandstands went for $1 a seat. Ringsides topped at $2.

Then as the crowds grew into the thousands the promoters planned a big time shot here and there along the way. Bob Baker was booked to fight Rex Layne, then one of the top men in the heavyweight bracket.

This fight was a financial flop, in the face of a $10,000 guarantee to Baker. West Jordan went deep in the hole, owing Baker something like $6,000.

Boxing went busted for the time being and only this week did West Jordan get back into the club fights again—bargain boxing.

There were 3,426 turned out for the 90 cent show. Top tickets went for $2 and everyone, including the fighters made money.

No more in the West Jordan park will there be a guarantee. Fighting will be done by percentages—each party to the program will be able to take a fair cut. If the fighters draw they make money. If they don't then they work for nothing as does everyone else.

Like Marv Jenson, Fullmer's manager and the man behind the West Jordan idea, said, *"We're going to keep club fights going. They are as basic as beans. Boxing cannot survive without them and we're going to do what we can to give the young men who think they want to fight and pay the price to get in shape a chance to prove to themselves that they can fight or cannot!"*

And with the Fullmers heading the boxing talent there is no reason why the club contests shouldn't go.

Like one wag said following the Jay Fullmer-Andy Maes fight, *"Jay is better than Gene and Don is better than both of them! Maybe we'll have three world champions in one family."*

BOXING IN UTAH
By Pete Giacoma

THE OUTDOOR BOXING SEASON GOT UNDER WAY AT WEST JORDAN WITH Jay Fullmer, 142,West Jordan, punching his way to an easy eight round decision over the veteran Andy Maes, 147, Denver. Jay, younger brother of former middleweight king Gene, rolled off his fifth straight win, dropping Andy in the first and taking all eight rounds on the officials' cards. Maes' brother, Donnie, was a top feather a decade ago.

In the semi-final, Don Kennington, 147, Ogden, piled up a big lead, then survived a knockdown in the fifth and final round by Howard Jordan, 144, Salt Lake, to win the unanimous nod. Filbert Salazar, 120, Granger, defeated Kid Jerome, 122, Ogden, 5; Jim Morley, 147, Salt Lake, kayoed Keith Nelson, 145, Calgary, Alta., Canada in 0:34 of the second; Sonny Jackson, 199, Toole, stopped Pete Tolley, 178, Park City, in 2:16 of the first; Andy Campos, 123, Salt Lake, stopped Kid Valdez, 122, Ogden, at the end of the first, and Hector Lopez, 127, Bingham, looked impressive in stowing away Chuck Sandy, 139, Salt Lake, in 2:54 of the third. A crowd of 3,429 saw a fine action show.

▶ The second outdoor show of the season saw Don Fullmer, another brother of the ex-middleweight king, make his pro bow. Don, at 162, stopped Joe Mortensen, 158, of Salt Lake, in 2:40 of the third round. Young Don battered his foe until the towel was tossed in. Joe made a game fight going down only once but was outgunned by the 18 year old slugger.

In the semi-final Don Kennington, 147, Ogden, took a unanimous decision over Manuel Martinez, 147, Colorado Springs, Colo. 6; Sonny Jackson, 210, Toole, halted Jack Reed, 190, Murray, in 1:22 of the second; Hector Lopez, 131, Bingham, stopped Joe Giron, 132, Salt Lake, in 2:24 of the first; Andy Campos, 119, Salt Lake, edged Kid Giron, 119, Ogden, 5; Sylvan Olsen, 150, Midvale, whipped Mike Raymond, 145, Ogden, 5, and Pete Salazar, 140, Ogden, just nosed out Sonny Springsteel, 145, Moab, 5.

A crowd of close to 3,000 fans turned out for the action-packed show.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

Tom O'Loughlin, veteran mid-west boxing promoter and manager, was in Sioux City in connection with various promotions under his direction. With O'Loughlin was Sioux City's heavyweight prospect, Terry Lewis. Lewis with six-straight professional knockouts to his credit will make his first Sioux City professional debut during the indoor season.

▶ During the past 35 years that we have been connected with professional boxing, we have repeatedly said that large boxing clubs will never survive without the smaller clubs. At one time we had about 40 small clubs operating in this area, plus the larger ones in the major cities. As the smaller clubs folded, the larger ones followed.

As this is being written, there are positive signs that professional boxing is coming back in this area. Council Bluffs, Iowa, is operating. Omaha may get going during the indoor season. The Engel Boxing Club at South Sioux City, Neb., will have an out-door show. Several professional boxers are working out at the Engel Barber Shop gym in South Sioux City. Major boxing shows will be held in the Sioux City Auditorium during the fall and winter months under the direction of the Bill Hawkins Mid-West Enterprises.

▶ Sailor Burke, veteran manager and boxer, was in Sioux City several days, with Jake Sanchez, 147-pound Mexican battler from Denver. . . . Sanchez has won his last three fights scoring wins over Gene Buzzello of Omaha in four, Jesse Poole in four and Cleo Weber in two.

▶ Boxers and managers wishing to book into this area are urged to get in touch with the writer. . . . Send complete record with photo and any other important matter. . . . Mail will reach us at 2600 South Roswell St., R. R. 2, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Our phone number is 6-9020.

▶ THE LAST BELL . . . Theodore ("Ted") Zanfes, 59, former Sioux City detective, a former well known Sioux City professional boxer, died at Denison, Texas. He began his professional ring career in 1917 that resulted in his winning the South Dakota state welterweight title. Until his retirement from the ring in 1926, he fought 125 bouts. On his retirement he turned to refereeing, serving as referee on the fight cards at the old Riverview park arena.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

Davey Moore, the Springfield featherweight, is about the only remaining top flight fighter from this part of the state. At Washington, D. C. the 'little rifle' sprung a big surprise in beating Isidro Martinez over the ten round route, and thus establishing himself firmly among the top ten challengers for Hogan Bassey's crown.

▶ Former lightweight champion Wallace Smith was stopped in nine rounds at Los Angeles by Cisco Andrade. There aren't too many good fights left in the Cincinnatian, and like Charles did awhile back, Smith should call a halt to his fistic doings before he gets hurt.

"HONEY—WANT TO WATCH A FIGHT THAT'S NOT BEING TELEVISED?"

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

A SPLIT AND DISPUTED DECISION GAVE SAGINAW'S Mickey Crawford his tenth straight victory and 16th in 17 starts, when he won over Pat Lowry, Toledo welterweight, in ten rounds at the Veterans' Memorial Stadium in Saginaw. The fight was very close and many fans among the 2,000 showed their displeasure when the verdict was announced.

Judge Tom Hickey and referee Billy Moore gave Lowry ONLY one round and had Crawford ahead 48-43 and 49-44, while judge Ed Wagonlander had it much closer, scoring 45-44 for the kid from Toledo.

Lowry carried the bigger guns and came out in the early rounds and tagged Crawford with some vicious right hands that had the Saginaw lad on queer street. But Pat permitted Crawford to come out of it without pressing his attack. At the finish Crawford had a large gash on his nose.

This fight had been postponed three times due to rain and storms, and threatening weather held down the crowd when it finally was held.

A real upset was turned in by James Palmer, 137, Indianapolis, when he surprisingly topped promising young Chuck Taylor, 134, of Detroit, in a six rounder. It was Taylor's first loss in his last five starts.

Colorful "Ducky" Dietz, 166, the pride of Detroit's east-side, scored another KO when he halted Tommy Reed, 173, Dayton, in the third round. For "Ducky" it was his fifth KO in six pro tries. If handled properly this kid could be developed into a real drawing card. Another good looking youngster, Jimmy Wright, 165, Bay City, won a special five rounder over Jesse Fagin, 161, Detroit, for his fifth straight pro victory, and George Green, 156, Detroit, bested Jimmy Myles, 157, Bay City, in a four rounder.

▶BEHIND THE SCENES. . . . . Peter Stumpo, manager of Joe Gray, hopes to have his game middleweight ready for his initial hometown appearance sometime in August at Fordson Field outdoors in Dearborn. In his last start Gray was halted by Joey Giardello and sustained an injured nerve in his right shoulder during a fall to the canvas after missing a punch in the fifth round. Joe has lost only two out of twenty-one starts and has a draw with Ralph "Tiger" Jones to his credit. . . . Little Nick "Lucky" Malik will take over the Buthene A. C. along with his regular duties at the CYO Center and undoubtly will be one of the busiest coaches in the country. Malik's teams won four straight CYO tournament team championships.

C. W. Smith, Engineering enterpriser, has taken over the reins at the Motor City Gym, with popular Tony Ross Jr., in charge daily, and steady, hard working Ted McWhorter remaining as head boxing instructor. Smith is working on a television contract and hopes to have good news come this fall for the boys. . . . Forrest Foster, a leading figure in the local picture for the past five years, is now residing outside of Seattle, Washington. Lightheavy Johnny Riggins and promising amateur Gene Gresham are also making their quarters out on the Pacific Coast they each have scored two KO'S in the same number of starts at this writing. . . .

The way that Mickey Crawford, the Saginaw welterweight, has been going it wouldn't surprise this writer to see him matched up with state champion Duke Harris after several more warm-ups. He is receiving the benefit of some smart managing on the part of wealthy businessman Art Greenwald. While Harris is a good steady, tough plodding type fighter, he is handicapped by lack of activity. . . . Frankie Gerrard, manager of Pat Lowry, has opened up his own gym in Toledo on Front and Main Streets. Frank hopes to receive boxing there.

Chuck Speiser, recently married, will make a comeback either late next month or early in October and without Hec Knowles as his manager. Brother Joe, who figured in Chuck's early career, will be one of the key men in the new setup.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

Gil Turner, Philadelphia welterweight, won a ten-round decision over Del Flanagan, St. Paul, in a great ten-round fight at the new Midway Stadium in St. Paul before a crowd of 6,996 fans that paid a gross gate of $26,292. The last show at the St. Paul Auditorium between Kid Gavillan and Del Flanagan drew a gate of $43,000. Flanagan, after a layoff, was not in best condition.

Bolden Abrams, 133¼, Philadelphia, won by TKO over John Foster, 139, Omaha (2:20 of second).

Al Sparks, 163¾, Winnipeg, outpointed Howard Lee, 163½, Chicago (6).

Jerry Bailey, 210, Minneapolis, outpointed Wayne Womochil, 188, Omaha (4).

Arnold Sparks, 144, Winnipeg, outpointed Don Weller, 139¾, St. Paul (6).

▶George A. Barton, secretary of the Minnesota Athletic Commission, was granted a sixty day leave of absence. Barton became secretary of the commission after a half of century of newspaper work. He is one of the best informed boxing experts in the country. Jimmy Waters, St. Paul, is now the chairman of the Minnesota Athletic Commission.

▶One of the greatest, Mike O'Dowd, "The Fighting Harp" and former middleweight champion, passed away in St. Paul Veterans Hospital. He was a successful business man after retiring from the ring.

Tommy Anderson, Minneapolis boxing promoter, is trying to line up a championship fight for Minneapolis between Kenny Lane and Joe Brown for late September.

Gene Connelly, veteran fight trainer, handles Del Flanagan in all their fights in the Northwest.

James (Jock) Malone, formerly of St. Paul and one of the top middleweights when Mike O'Dowd and Mike Gibbons were boxing, is working in Detroit at the Ford plant.

Louisville, Ky. Boxing News
By Joe Martin

At Freedom Hall, Joey Giardello, 159, won a unanimous decision over Chico Vejar, 159, in a keenly dueled 10-rounder. A game, busy Vejar captivated the sport-shirted audience as the 4 to 1 underdog time and again carried the fight to Giardello, a noted puncher.

Sherman Williams, 158, Louisville won a split-decision over Art Glass, 156, of Dayton in 8 rounds. Charlie Glover, 157, Cincinnati, stopped Sherman Strayhorn, 159, Lin oln Heights, Ohio in the third. Billy Williams, 136, Louisville, stopped Ivan Keeling, 135, Cincinnati, in two. Ross Calvin, 135, Nashville, got a unanimous decision over Dee Russel Moore, 139, of Louisville, Ky.

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BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

CHARLOTTE, N. C.; ROBERT OLIPHANT, 144, CHARLOTTE, HAD too much ring savvy for game Jim Kelly, 147, Charlotte, and took down the decision after ten fast rounds at the Park Center.

In a fast action semi, Neil Wallace, 200, Charlotte, continued on his comeback win a decision over Billy Walters, 187, Rock Hill, S. C. Neil decked his foe in the third round, of the six round bout. In a special event Carl Chastain, 141, Gastonia, outscored Buck Earnhardt, 132, Spartanburg, S. C., after eight torrid rounds; John May, 190, Charlotte, kayoed Junior Little, 187, Charlotte, in 0:32 of the second. May decked his man twice in the first and outclassed him. Miles Barnette, 160, Charlotte, won a close four round decision from Tommy Kilpatrick, 154, Hendersonville, N. C.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

PRESQUE ISLE FAIR GROUNDS—BABE McCARRON, 159, Brownville Junction, successfully defended his Maine state middleweight championship by taking a decision over Drew Cook, 160, Belfast, in a ten round bout. McCarron had stopped Cook in a previous bout.

Jarrel Pate, 147, Caribou AFB, halted Billy Floyd, 149, Moncton, N. B., in the first round of the six round semi-final. Joe Berunco, 144, Loring AFB, took a four round decision over Ed Donahue, 154, Everett, Mass. Gordon Farnsworth, 180, Bangor, stopped Robert Tyler, 192, Loring AFB, in the final round of a four spot. But his brother, Dana, 170, was not as fortunate. He dropped a decision to Pless Holmes, 180, Loring AFB, in the four round opener.

▶ BOSTON — Mechanic's Building — Jimmy Connors, 127¾, New Bedford, won his first main event by taking a one-sided decision over Cleo Ortiz, 123¼, Puerto Rico, in eight rounds. Connors took every round. He waged a body attack for the first five rounds then shifted to the head in a bid for a kayo.

Bob Berdahl, 152¼, Dorchester, also remained undefeated when he won a close decision over Johnny Silvia, 155, New Bedford, in the eight round co-feature. Dick McCarthy, 150, Medford, stopped Paul Leri, 149, Pawtucket, R. I., in the fifth of a sixer. Dick D'Orsi, 162¾, Providence, halted Lee Williams, 163¼, Boston, who was unable to come out for the fourth round because of a wrenched shoulder. Earl (Kid) Matthews, 135, Boston, outclassed Al Duarte, 138, New Bedford, over the six round route.

▶ BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Tony Veranis, 146¼, Dorchester, was hard pressed to win an eight round split decision over Eddie (Red) Prince, 149, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in the feature bout. Veranis built up an early lead but had his hands full to withstand Prince's late round rally.

Dick Hall, 158, 18 year old Dorchester youngster, outslugged Julie Jamieson, 154, Poughkeepsie, in the co-feature, which proved to be the best fight of the night. Dom Prestone, 145, Everett, halted Don Vincent, 149, Providence, R. I., in the first heat of a six rounder. Young Beau Jack (Elwood Thornton), 170, Worchester, turned pro with a three round technical knockout over Willie erry, 165, New York. Allen Wilson, 136, New York, also making his pro debut flattened Richie Graham, 133, Roxbury, in the second of the four round curtain raiser.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

"GERMINAL BALLARIN IS THE TOUGHEST MIDDLEWEIGHT ever to show in Syracuse!" That is the consensus of opinion of fans who watched his local bow against Rip Roarin' Rory Calhoun, in an action-packed 10 round battle at the War Memorial Auditorium. A slim crowd of only 1,447 fans paid $3,029.37 to view the shelling. Nationally televised and NOT blacked out in Syracuse, the attendance was the smallest ever to see one of Promoter Norm Rothschild's offerings, but, as usual, it was a slam-bang card from start to finish.

Calhoun was a 13 to 5 choice to win and despite the booes and catcalls, Rory took the nod. The mustached French boxer gave Calhoun a pretty fair going over in the first five heats. Rory suffered a deep cheekbone cut in the first, then in the fifth, Calhoun received a gash over his left eye. Germy was next to be cut. Ballarin bled steadily from a slice over his left eye. In the sixth, a second cut below the first, brought the claret pouring down the Frenchman's face.

▶ George Kartalian, former Syracuse University boxer, won a six round decision over Rudy Williams, New York light-heavyweight, in the semi-final. It was full of fast action and hard punching but could not compare with their first meeting. Kartalian won that one in the last round with Williams down at the bell, but the official verdict was a draw.

Paul Barkal, 156, Syracuse University boxer, making his pro bow, knocked out Jackie Haughey, 151, Watkins Glen, in 1.58 of the first round. Jimmy Leonard, 177, Syracuse, won a one-sided four round duke over Johnny Odom, 180, Scranton in a four. Jimmy might have stopped Odom if he had settled down and picked his shots.

Jimmy Kelley, 135, Trenton, a good looking youngster who can hit and box, won from Bernie Jones, 130, Brooklyn in a pleasing six. Kelley took a thumping for two frames but came back to sock Jones to a fare-thee-well.

Herman Scott, 142, Rochester, a free wheeling swinger, laid 'em in high and low to defeat Norm Eisen, 141, Buffalo in an entertaining opening four round number.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

ANSONIA:— THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL ANSONIA BENEVOLENT POLICE Association's Boxing Show was another huge success. New Haven's veteran handler, Bob Mele, as matchmaker, put on a good crowd-pleasing program, featuring outstanding club fighters. About 2,000 fans enjoyed five excellant bouts.

In the 8 round feature, Karl Heinz Guder, 158, Germany, opposed Young Joe Wolcott, 152, Bridgeport. Wolcott after winning the first round and holding his own in the second, was KO'd in the third, when he momentarily dropped his guard and Guder counted with a straight right to the jaw.

In another eight rounder, Freddie Mack, 176, Brooklyn, evened the count with Dennis McCann, 181, Hartford, when Referee Jackie Adair stopped the contest in the 5th, because of a badly swollen right eye sustained by McCann.

In a six rounder, Larry Zernick, 199, Springfield scored a TKO over Donald Jackson, 194½, Brooklyn, in the fifth round. Zernick, formerly of New Haven, was making his first appearance after a lay-off of about two years and looked real good.

In another six, Paul Lee, 138, Hartford tagged George Ross, 137, Hartford with his first defeat. It was another excellant bout, with the majority of the crowd disputing the referee's decision. Lee Mann, 131, Philadelphia, a new comer, defeated Johnny Juliano, 131½, New York, in another six.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
with Pinky Mitchell
Former World Welterweight Champ

IN THE SEVEN BOUT CARD STAGED BY THE MIDWEST Boxing Club, only one bout went the limit. In this Joe Schmolze, 173, Wausau, took the six round decision from Howard Lee, 166 of Chicago.

George Jarosch, 174½, Milwaukee, scored technical knockout over Howard Giles, 169, Minneapolis, in 1:51.

Johnny Nicholas, 128½, Milwaukee, knocked out Ronald Jones, 127, Chicago, in 2:53 of second round.

Paul Nicholas, 156, Milwaukee, knocked out Al Irwin, 163, Minneapolis, in 22 seconds.

Jim Adams, 149, Chicago, scored technical knockout over Merlin Fink, 145½, Milwaukee, in 2:27 of third round.

Dick Bartman, 145, Milwaukee, knocked out Danny Dillon, 138½, Minneapolis, in 39 seconds.

Johnny Hein, 179¼, Milwaukee, knocked out Tom Nassif, 172½, Minneapolis, in 1:28.

Attendance, 603.

Four boxers sent in by Joe Daszkiewicz from Minneapolis lasted a total of 4 minutes and 20 seconds. Three weeks after the show the boxing commission held a meeting and handed out four indefinite suspensions. Three went to the boxers who had used assumed names and the fourth to the manager, Joe Daszkiewicz, who sent them in.

The boxers, Edward Dorsey fought under the name of Al Erwin, Lloyd Huffa under the name of Tom Hassif and Jackie Schoen impersonated Danny Dillon.

All four were charged with, "conducting themselves in a manner detrimental to the best interests of boxing and the public."

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE, IDAHO — HOWARD KING, 187, FOURTH RANKING heavyweight on the Pacific Coast, gave Roque Maravilla, 177, Idaho state champion, a sound shellacking for 10 rounds in an outdoor card at the State Fairgrounds.

The six-round semi, had much action with George Tavares, 198, Caldwell, Idaho, and Herman Henry, 190, San Francisco. Tavares was getting the worst of the deal in the fourth round so referee Don Hart stepped in to stop the fight and in the wild melee, Tavares swung a wild one that landed on Hart's nose. This was the best punch of the evening. The fight ended at 1:21 of the fourth round, a TKO for Henry.

Another TKO was in the Al Watkins, 161, Floyd Sampson, 155, bout. This one went nearly the full six rounds as the referee called it off in :52 of that frame.

Glenn Burgess, 145, Meridan, Idaho layed Russell Davis out in 2:10 of the second round in their scheduled four-rounder. Davis 149.

The opener between Davy Lee, 139½, Reno and Rudy Cables, 134, Mt. Home Air Base, ended in a draw.

BOXING REPORT FROM THE CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION
By D. Mills

South African Middle and Lightheavyweight Champion, Mike Holt, 161, of Pretoria, received a shock in his return bout in Salisbury with Jimmy Martinez, 162½, of Phoenix, Arizona. Holt, who had gained a close decision over the American in Johannesburg a few weeks before, was generally expected to repeat the performance. However, after dropping Holt for a count of seven in the second round, Martinez took command.

Holt, who looked dried out at 161, announced that he had fought his last fight as a middleweight, and has since relinquished his middleweight crown.

Martinez is the first American ever to fight in the Federation.

Chris Van Rooyen, 158, Pretoria, outpointed Howard Fraser, 160, Kimberley, over six rounds. Carol Stols, 143, Maraisburg, stopped Henry Stafelburg, 143, Johannesburg, in the second. Charlie Els, 127, Brakpan, stopped Errol Smith, 125, Johannesburg, in the third. And Gert Van Heerden, 150, Johannesburg, stopped Ronnie Steel, 144½, Johannesburg, in the second.

BOXING IN BURMA
By U Ba Wa.

FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THE WAR, A PROFESSIONAL BOXING Board has been formed to promote professional boxing in Burma. This Board, which is headed by Col. Khin Nyo, has the blessings of the Government—through the National Fitness Council.

The first professional boxing tournament took place on May 4 in which Burma's Olympic representative, B. Thompson, took up Thailand's bantamweight champion Nai Sanong, in an eight rounder. The Thailander proved too good for the Burmese lad who was k'oed in the first round. Thompson scaled 114½, while Sanong weighed 117½.

On May 11 Nai Sanong, 122¼, stopped Burma Navy's K. Black, 125¾, in round 2.

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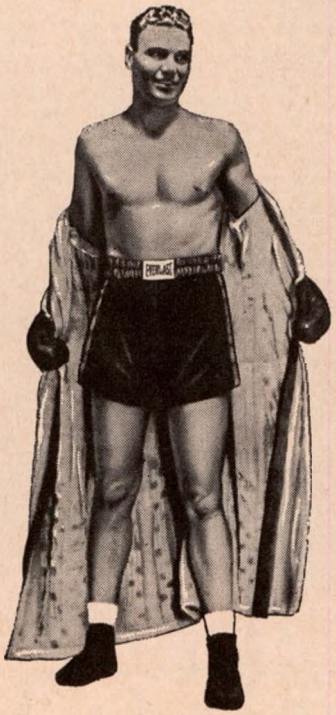

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